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Christians' Duty When Statesmen Fail

"Deadlock Is Expression Of Spiritual Alienation"

CANTERBURY'S CALL TO BRITISH AND INDIANS: AZIZ-UL-HUQUE TO SEE RAMASWAMI

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, February 23.

The Archbishop of Canterbury in a letter to the "Times" to-day said: "Among the pressing pre-occupations of this time, there is some danger that we may forget the seriousness and urgency of the situation in India. It is clear that political deadlock is an expression of spiritual alienation.

X'IAN'S TASK

"An ordinary Christian has his task here as well as a statesman. Let us at this time be constant in our prayers that God will direct and rule the hearts of both British and Indians so that they may know and do His will".

Special Service On Thursday

Lord Bishop of Southwark and several other dignitaries of the Church are holding a special service of prayer for India on February 25 at noon at the St. Martin's in the Fields.

High Commissioner To See Ramaswami

(From A Special Correspondent).
LONDON, Feb. 23.

Following his interview with the Indian delegation representing Hindus, Muslims, Parsis, Sikhs and Christians, to him, the High Commissioner for India, Sir Aziz-ul-Huque is seeing Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, who has just arrived from America.

The India League has arranged a Press Conference for giving to the Press facts leading to Gandhiji's fast.

Gandhiji's fast gets prominent publicity on the front page in all papers to-day.

WHERE HITCH LIES

The Delhi correspondent of the "Times" says: "Mr. Rajagopalachari claimed that Gandhiji had no alternative, while the Viceroy and the Government had. It would have been more reasonable to credit the Viceroy and the Government with equally strong conscience in the matter of their responsibility to India as a whole. The question that worries the Government is Gandhiji's refusal to abandon the disobedience resolution which lead to much violence on the part of his sympathisers and supporters".

HANDS-OFF POLICY

The U. S. A. Government, says the "New York Times" Washington correspondent, is fully aware that India is Britain's special problem but, he adds, the U. S. A. would not relish any civil disorder which would complicate the task of carrying on the war in that theatre. In authoritative circles it is indicated clearly that the U. S. A.'s attitude is unchanged since the State Department announced that American troops in India were there solely to prosecute the war against Axis—a statement which was interpreted at that time to mean "hands off" policy with regard to Indian Political Problems".

The National Association for the Advancement of Coloured Peoples has cabled to Mr. Churchill appealing to him to liberate Gandhiji and stating that the latter's death would be a tragic blow to the faith in the war aims of Britain.

"YORKSHIRE POST" VIEWS

LONDON:— "The Yorkshire Post" in a leader says: "The demand for Mr. Gandhi's unconditional release is essentially and unavoidably a political demand. It could not be granted without setting in motion a train of events gravely prejudicial to India's security and the Allied cause.

MUDALIAR BACK IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar has returned to England from his visit to Canada and the United States. —Reuter.

NO REPLY YET

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

Inquiries made by the "United Press" indicate that no reply to the cable sent by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru to Mr. Winston Churchill. Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Leader of the Opposition, or others has been received yet.

Aney And Sarkar

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

Mr. M. S. Aney left for Amraoti to-day 'en route' to Yeotmal.

Mr. N. R. Sarker will leave for Calcutta on Friday reaching there on Sunday morning.—United Press.

BEAVERBROOK ON SECOND FRONT

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The need for the speedy opening of a second front in Europe was urged in the Lords today by Lord Beaverbrook, former Minister of Aircraft Production.

He suggested that the Germans might strike back at the Russian armies in June. The Allies should, therefore, hit first and hit now before the Germans could regroup.

The African campaign had many attractions as the base for an attack upon Europe but Britain had more attractions. From Britain we had equal or better supply routes than Germany and better air facilities.—Reuter.

GERMAN SPOKESMAN ADMITS THEY WERE MISLED ABOUT RUSSIANS' STRENGTH

BERLIN, Feb. 23.

The military commentator General Dietmar in his weekly broadcast to-night said:—

"We did not underrate the military efficiency of the Russians even before we came to grips with them.

Neither have we overlooked the fact that the Russians built up their armaments with the same lavish use of material as they employed in other fields of activity.'

Referring to the Soviet-Finnish war, General Dietmar said: "It would seem that the Russians then conciously kept back their most efficient modern weapons.

When in the summer of 1941 Germany took offensive for preventive purposes some of their veils fell.

Many, even most of our anticipations were confirmed.

Now when luck seems to have turned from us to favour the enemy I must repeat that our recent setbacks are in way due to any superiority on the part of the Russian soldier. True they have learned things during this war but so have we."

General Dietmar declared that the Soviet successes were due to the "surprise they have inflicted on us" adding "that will not happen twice".

ITALIAN AIR CHIEF MISSING

ROME: General Enrico Pezzi, 40-year old Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Air Force on the Russian front is missing, the Rome radio announced on Monday night.

STOCKHOLM: A Warsaw report states that Reichsfuenrer Hitler has dismissed Dr. Hans Frank Governor-General of occupied Poland.

The dismissal, it is reported, was due to the fact that Dr. Frank was not getting on well with other German Governors of occupied lands in Eastern Europe.—India Press Service.

SOVIET SPEARHEADS NEARER TO OREL

SIX OF HITLER'S DIVISIONS FROM WEST BADLY MAULED

MOSCOW, Feb. 23.

Reuter's special correspondent in his morning despatch says:—The Red Army spearheads have driven nearer to Orel, seizing more strongly fortified townships.

They have widened the wedge driven south of the town and are threatening the only line of communication still open to the garrison.

Today's Soviet communique shows that another prong of this drive has penetrated the Axis rear, forcing the Germans to retreat.

Here is also new threat today to the German railhead at Sumy, an important railway junction 90 miles north-west of Kharkov. Pushing on from Graivoron, 50 miles east of Sumy, Soviet troops have taken places and have wiped out a whole regiment of German infantry. These gains have been made despite considerable stiffening of German resistance in the last twentyfour hours.

FATE OF NEW NAZI DIVISIONS

Reports reaching Moscow say that Hitler has switched twenty-two divisions—Nineteen infantry and three armoured—to the eastern front from France, Belgium, Norway and Germany itself. Six of these divisions flung into the past month's battles have already been cut up and suffered serious losses.

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

The Soviet supplementary Communique says: "West of Rostov, a Soviet unit wiped out 150 Germans in a fierce engagement. The advance continued south of Kramatgorskaya.

In another sector a swift Soviet thrust occupied an inhabited locality and wiped out one battalion of infantry. Several more places were captured west of Graivoron. North of Kursk the Soviet occupied several strongly fortified places killing 600 and taking prisoners. In another sector, the Soviets penetrated the Germans' rear and threatened their forces with encirclement. The Germans retreated, abandoning valuable war material.

The Soviets continued the advance on the Kuban area, capturing several places.

GERMANS ON RUN?

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23.

Reuter's special correspondent writes:

The Germans may already be abandoning Dnepropetrovsk one of the bastions of Dneiper line.

Swedish newspapers last night quoting the Moscow radio reported that Russian observation planes had been fully laden trains steaming out of Dnepropetrovsk and Kiev.

COMMUNIST PARTY GREETS RED ARMY

The plenary session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of India has passed a resolution saluting with "clenched fist", the valiant victors of Stalingrad, Leningrad, Kharkov and Rostov who under the command of the master strategist Comrade Stalin, have dealt a fatal blow to Hitler's war machine and have began the irresistible final assault for the expulsion of the Hitlerite marauders from the Soviet soil.

A joint mass meeting of the workers of the Mazagaon Dock and other companies held on Monday also sent greetings to the Red Army.

'C. R.'s' Last Effort

New Formula To End Mahatma's Fast

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb 23

Lobby reports mention that Mr. Rajagopalachari and other leaders gathered at New Delhi to put forward a new formula yesterday for ending Gandhiji's fast.

The suggestion appears to have been that the Viceroy should send to Poona through an authorised representative evidence in his possession regarding the charge of Congress' responsibility for the disturbances and, if Gandhiji desired it, enable him to meet members of the Working Committee to review the situation in the light of this evidence.

Evidently, leaders felt that if such a proposal found favour with the Viceroy, Gandhiji might give up his fast.

It is stated that the good offices of a well-known British friend now in New Delhi were sought to communicate the proposal to the Viceroy, but it does not appear that the Viceroy has been his way to agree to the suggestion.

The Washington message to-day explaining the American attitude —particularly Mr. Cordell Hull's statement on Mr. Phillip's—has damped the spirits of those who were interpreting Mr. Phillip's statement as an indication of possible American intervention.

MERCHANTS' MEETING TO-DAY

To consider the situation created by the fast of Mahatma Gandhi a meeting of Indian Merchants representing various associations will be held today Wednesday, at 12 noon in the hall of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay.

STATES' VIEW ON MAHATMA'S FAST

I understand that the Jamsahib of Nawanagar is arriving at New Delhi in a day or two to meet the Viceroy and will put the point of view of the States regarding Gandhiji's fast.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AT IT

I understand those two Indian members who with Messrs. Sarkar, Aney and Sir H. P. Mody voted in the Viceroy's Council for release of Gandhiji have suggested to the Viceroy the reconsideration of the whole question owing to the critical state of Gandhiji's health. Unfortunately there has been no meeting of the Council for some days.

The presence of Sir M. Hallett in Delhi today has also roused speculation. One interesting tit-bit which has been the talk in New Delhi is that Lady Srivastava and her daughter were present throughout the Leaders' Conference both days and voted for the resolution to release Gandhiji.

Leaders Postpone Departure

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Mr. K. M. Munshi, who were to have left Delhi yesterday, postponed their departure in order to make one more effort to bring Mahatma Gandhi's fast immediately to an end.

It was their plan, explained Mr. Rajagopalachariar in a statement, that Government should send to Mahatma Gandhi a responsible official with the evidence on which they based their charge of Congress complicity in acts of violence and sabotage, and that, if after such examination, Mahatma Gandhi felt that he should meet the Congress Working Committee members, Government should afford facilities to that end. If Government agreed to his procedure, Mr. Rajagopalachariar believed, Mahatma Gandhi might be persuaded immediately to break his fast, so as to be able to examine the evidence and consult his colleagues. This would be consistent with the Mahatma's demands, the refusal of which led to the fast, and would at the same time not prejudice the Government's position.

"I considered this a very fair proposal, which would provide for Government's prestige as well as save Gandhiji's life," declared Mr. Rajagopalachariar. "I consulted my best legal friends and came to this conclusion. We have failed to persuade the Viceroy. The only hope now is that Mahatmaji may survive the 21-days ordeal. Let the country pray for this. If we deserve, we may find a response".—A. P.

STOP PRESS

U. S. LOSES ITS LARGEST 'SUB', "ARGONAUT"

WASHINGTON: The Navy Department announces that the submarine "Argonaut," the largest in the United States Navy, is presumed lost on patrol operations. The Navy Department has also announced that the destroyer "Dehaven" was sunk in the battle of the Solomons between January 29th and February 4th by Japanese dive-bombers.—Reuter.

Pre-Censorship Again

C. P. Government Order On "Nagpur Times"

(From Our Correspondent).
NAGPUR, Feb. 23.

The Provincial Government has served an order on the "Nagpur Times" this afternoon under Sec. 41 of the D. I. R., directing that all matters directly or indirectly referring to Gandhiji's fast should be sent for scrutiny to the Special Press Adviser before publication, expecting factual news relating to the fast or news derived from official sources or the three news agencies.

ANEY PRAYS FOR GANDHIJI

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

"Let us all pray for Gandhiji", said Mr. M. S. Aney at the New Delhi railway station talking to a large crowd of friends who had assembled to see him off.

"A Wardha message says that in reply to a congratulatory telegram from Prof. Bhansali, Mr. Aney replied:

"I thank you for appreciating this step which I along with my two colleagues, felt compelled to take with the utmost reluctance.", "let us hope that the Almighty will show the authorities concerned as well as Mahatma Gandhi the proper course to pursue on a critical occasion like this and thus save a life which is so useful to the spiritual progress of humanity."

MADRAS LEADERS' S.O.S. TO CHURCHILL

MADRAS, Feb. 23.

"We strongly urge immediate unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi in the interests of war and peace. Tragedy must be averted at all costs". This is a text of a cable sent to the British Prime Minister to-day by 14 prominent citizens of Madras including Sir Vepa Ramesam, Sir M. Venkatasubba Rao, Mr. V. V. Srinivasa Iyengar, Dewan Bahadur V. Bashyam Iyengar, all former judges of the Madras High Court, Mr. T. R. Venkatarama Sastri, former president of the National Liberal Federation, Mr. G. A. Natesan, Mr. C. R. Srinivasan, editor the "Swadesamitran" Lt.-Col. Pandalai I.M.S. (retired) and Mrs. Pandalai, Mr. Basheer Ahmed Syed M.L.A., Madras, Mr. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer, president of the Madras Advocates' Association and lady Venkatasubba Rao.

They have also telegraphed the text of the cable to the Viceroy to-day.

Among other associations joining in demonstrations are students of Madras Provincial Trade Union Congress and District Council of Nagpur and Bhandara, The Indian Christians of Nagpur, the Cuttack Bar Association, students of Guntur Colleges, fifteen mercantile associations of Masulipatam, and the Andhra Provincial Christian Association.

Speaking at a college function in Kumbakonam Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri prayed that the fast may end happily.

Rev. A. Hollis, Bishop of Madras in the course of letter to the organisers of a public meeting proposed to be held in Madras, supports the move for the release of Gandhiji.

But the Commissioner of Police refused permission to hold meeting. A meeting of students held in spite of the ban was dispersed with a lathi charge. Reports of demonstrations and arrest of students have also been received.

Jessore Bazars To Close At 3 p.m.

JESSORE, Feb. 23.

The District Magistrate of Jessore by notification under D. I. R. has ordered that all "Hats" and bazars in the district of Jessore will be closed at 3 p.m. for six months' from February 15.—A. P.

Gandhiji Appears More Cheerful

No Appreciable Change In Mahatma's Condition, Say Doctors

PUNJAB MINISTER'S PLAIN-SPEAKING: CALCUTTA JUDGE JOINS PRAYERS

BOMBAY, February 23.

The Government of Bombay have issued the following Communique:

"Report on Mr. Gandhi's health upto this afternoon:—Mr. Gandhi had only broken sleep during the night but has dozed off and on during the day. He appears comfortable.

"There is no appreciable change to record".

Signed by:—
Dr. B. C. ROY,
Maj.-Gen. R. H. CANDY,
Dr. M. D. D. GILDER,
Dr. S. NAYAR,
Lt.-Col. M. G. BHANDARI and
Lt.-Col. B. Z. SHAH.

(THROUGH A. P. AND U. P.)

POONA, Feb. 23.

The doctors examined Gandhiji for four hours in the morning and in the afternoon today.

MAHATMA WINS BET

It is learnt he speaks a word or two to the visitors and his attitude towards them is neither apathetic nor sympathetic. He speaks to the visitors generally in "borrowed languages." A Bengali visitor is reported to have lost Rs. 25 some time back in a bet with Gandhiji on the question of his knowledge of a Bengali word.

Today, however, he is understood to have shown greater interest in his visitors. Those who interviewed Mahatma Gandhi this evening found him cheerful. His mind was quite clear and he recognised without difficulty even those relatives who have not seen him for a long time. His voice was distinct though feeble and he greeted every visitor with a smile.

HE INSISTS ON SPEAKING

The doctors attending on him took the usual precautions to see that he did not strain himself but it is understood that Mahatma Gandhi insisted on speaking for nearly four minutes to Mr Horace Alexander of the Friends' Ambulance Unit, who conveyed to Mahatma Gandhi a message of love and friendship on behalf of his numberous English friends.

Mr. Alexander was accompanied by his co-worker Mr. Symonds, when he interviewed Gandhiji today. Both of them are expected to stay here for a few days before leaving for Calcutta.

It appears that Gandhiji is still not aware of Mr. William Phillips' statement on the Indian situation and Mr. Cordell Hull's comment on it.

Among the visitors to-day to the Aga Khan's palace were Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Mrs. Jaishree Raijee and Mrs. Shantikumar Morarjee.

Swami Anand Sees Mahatma

Swami Anand, an old associate of Mahatma Gandhi, Mr. Devidas Gandhi and members of the Bajaj family saw Gandhiji again to-day, and were with him for a considerable period. Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee with family also paid a second visit to the Aga Khan's palace.

Civic Demand For Release

The Poona Municipality to-day unanimously passed a resolution urging the immediate and unconditional release of Gandhiji.

Prayers for Gandhiji were offered by the students of the Fergusson and Wadia Colleges.

The Poona Sarvajanik Sabha, the oldest organisation founded by Ranade, has sent a telegram to the Viceroy asking for the immediate release of Gandhiji.

PROCESSIONISTS ARRESTED

Two persons hailing from Nasik were arrested for taking out a procession towards the Aga Khan's palace. Three others were arrested under the Defence of India Rules. Twelve others from Nasik were arrested here yesterday.—United Press.

DOCTORS' BAN ON MAHATMA

No Reply To Maxwell During Fast

IT IS LEARNT THAT THE DOCTORS IN ATTENDANCE WILL NOT ALLOW GANDHIJI TO GIVE ANY ANSWER TO THE BOOKLET PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA GIVING FACTS BEARING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HIMSELF AND THE CONGRESS FOR THE DISTURBANCES IN THE COUNTRY, AS IT MIGHT HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON HIS HEALTH.

PUNJAB MINISTER'S PLAIN-SPEAKING

A reference to Mahatma Gandhi's fast was made by Sir Chotu Ram, Revenue Minister, Punjab, addressing a meeting of the Jat Kumar Sabha.

He said: "Whatever differences we might have with the methods employed by Mahatma Gandhi, there can be no difference on the ultimate object with which he has undertaken his fast.

At this moment when he is faced with a life-and-death struggle it is the duty of all Indians to pray for his safety."

At the instance of Sir Chotu Ram the entire gathering stood up for two minutes and offered prayers for the safety of Mahatma Gandhi.

A National Duty

"May his life be spared to his country and to humanity and may Providence vouchsafe grace and wisdom to those whom these virtues appear to have fled", observed Mr. Justice, C. C. Biswas, C.I.E., presiding over a meeting of the citizens of Calcutta, held this evening at Shree Visudhanand Saraswati Vidyalaya to offer prayers for Mahatma Gandhi's long life.

Mr. Justice Biswas added: "We have here to fulfil a most solemn duty, a public and national duty. The whole of India is now watching with the gravest concern the developments from hour to hour from Poona. Our hearts are too full to-day. All that is left to us now is to pray to the giver of all good that he may yet spare the life of one whom we have loved and worshipped and would like to love and worship to the end of our days as the greatest mortal walking this earth."

Reports of meetings and processions and the dispatch of telegrams by innumerable organisations have also been received from Berhampore, Jessore, Pabna, Munshiganj and Howrah have been received.

LET LIFE-LONG FRIENDS SEE HIM

CALCUTTA, Feb. 23.

On his return from Delhi after

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Applications stating full names, address, age, academic and special qualifications and experience together with copies of testimonials and a list of original papers or articles published should reach the Dean, Seth G. S. Medical College, Parel, Bombay No. 12, on or before 10th March, 1943. 3515

NOTICE

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2. To declare a dividend.
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R. N NAYAMPALLI,
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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for an Assistant Director in the Cotton Textiles Directorate. The post is temporary and carries a salary between Rs. 350 and Rs. 750 per mensem according to qualifications. Candidates must have an intimate knowledge of the millstores trade and have had actual experience in a mill or with a millstores importing firm. Applications should reach the Administrative Officer, Cotton Textiles Directorate, Hararwalia Building, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay not later than Saturday, the 27th February, 1943. 3513

NOTICE

TENDERS INVITED for purchase of sweepings of grains chilly powder at Government Grain Godown, DeLisle Road with effect from 1st March 1943. Samples could be seen at the Godown on application to Godown-keeper. 3479

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GENERAL MANAGER. 3471

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VINAYAK VASUDEO TALPADE, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant who has contracted to purchase from Kashinath Mukund Kiny and Bhagwant Kashinath Kiny a plot of land, admeasuring 1120 square yards with hereditaments and tenements standing thereon out of a bigger plot of land has further contracted to sell to our client a portion of the plot of land admeasuring about 450 sq. yards with hereditaments standing thereon and more particularly described hereunder.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Fort Chambers, Dean Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of land of pension and tax tenure together with the messuage or dwelling house, or chawls standing thereon at Lady Hardinge Road in the Kiny Wadi, admeasuring about 450 sq. yards out of the plot admeasuring 1150 sq. yards agreed to be purchased by the said Vinayak Vasudeo Talpade from Kashinath Mukund Kiny and Bhagwant Kashinath Kiny and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 509 of Mahim Division Collector's Old No. 943, New No. 3915, New Survey No. 1|1508 and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 4838 (2), Street No. 167A, 4832(1) Street No. 195A, 4833(1a) Street No. 183B No. 4832(5), Street Nos. 179B, No. 4833(1), Street No. 162, 4833(1B), Street No. 162B, No. 4832(3), Street No. 183A, No. 4832(2), Street No. 161A and No. 4832 (4), Street No. 161C and which said portion hereby agreed to be sold bears Ward No. 4838(2D) under G Ward, Street No. 168, at Cadell Road and is bounded as follows that is to say on or towards the East by the property of Mr. N. H. Vakil, West by the property of the Vendor and the proposed Road 60 feet wide, on or towards the North by the public street and on or towards the South by the proposed 40 feet wide road.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1943.

THAKORDAS AND MADGAVKAR.
Purchaser's Attorneys. (3508)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Court Sale ordered by the High Court of Bombay by Decree Absolute for Sale, dated the 3rd day of April, 1941, in Suit No. 1293 of 1940 and as authorised by the Court's Order dated the 11th day of January, 1943, the Commissioner of the High Court for Taking Accounts has agreed to sell to our client the property hereinafter mentioned.

ALL PERSONS having any claim or demand against the said property by way of mortgage, fit, sale, trust, possession, inheritance, lease lien or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 123, Esplanade Road, Fort, within fourteen days from the date hereof as otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim or demand and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

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WADIA GHANDY & CO.,
Attorneys for the Purchaser.
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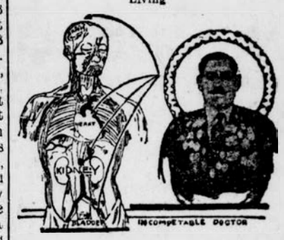

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High Court

ORDER IN WILL DISPUTE

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kania).
Kaikhusru R. Banatwalla ..... Plaintiff.
Versus
Sorabji R. Banatwalla ..... Defendant.

One Lt.-Col. Homi R. Cursetji, I.M.S. died at Bangalore on 4th June 1942, leaving an estate worth well over a lakh of rupees which he purported to dispose of by his will made on 4th February 1940 appointing the plaintiff his sole executor. He left as his next-of-kin three brothers (including the plaintiff and the defendant), a sister and a son by a predeceased sister at present in New York. On the plaintiff filing a petition for probate of the will of the deceased, the defendant lodged a caveat urging that the will be proved in solemn form and questioning the purported disposal by the deceased in his will of a 1/4 share in a certain immovable property in Bombay which the defendant claimed under his grandfather's will and in respect of which an appeal was pending in the High Court. The defendant was also a beneficiary under the will of the deceased.

The defendant opposed the grant of probate to the plaintiff. On behalf of the plaintiff it was argued that the defendant's opposition was frivolous and groundless, and evidence was led to prove the will.

His Lordship held the will duly proved and ordered that probate be granted to the plaintiff.

Mr. P. B. Vachha instructed by Messrs. Wadia Gandhy and Co., appeared for the Plaintiff.

Mr. S. R. Tendolkar instructed by Messrs. Solomon and Co., appeared for the Defendant.

Lady Lumley Opens Arts And Crafts Exhibition

(From Our Correspondent)
BANDRA.

"The exhibition and display that I have just seen impressed me with the high standard which the schools represented here today set themselves, both in work and play" said Her Excellency Lady Lumley, addressing a large gathering of over 4,000 individuals, mostly students from Suburban School, declaring open the exhibition of Arts and Crafts of Suburban Schools at St. Andrew's High School Compound, Bandra.

The prizes for the Pageantry display were won by the following schools:—1st prize, St. Stanislaus High School, Bandra.

2nd prize, St. Joseph's Convent, Bandra.

3rd prize, St. Andrew's High School, Bandra.

4th prize, St. Teresa's Convent, Santa Cruz and the

5th prize, Mount Mary's Convent, Bandra.

In the morning, His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay, inaugurated the occasion of the Grand Rally and Exhibition by a "Children's Mass" on the ground, which was attended by over 3,000 children. The exhibition is open on Saturday and Sunday. The proceeds of this exhibition will be divided for War Gifts Fund and Archbishop Charities

Two Cases Of Suicide

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A city broker's kept mistress residing at Jathsing Building, Fanaswadi, is stated to have committed suicide by pouring kerosene oil on her sari and setting it on fire. "I was disgusted due to the ill-treatment of my master, he use to assault me" was the dying statement of the deceased. The woman succumbed to her injuries in the G. T. Hospital, yesterday.

The Coroner's Jury recorded a verdict of death due to shocks from extensive burns.

Another case of suicide was reported from Supari Baug. Kashibai Vishram, wife of a mill-worker is stated to have committed suicide by jumping from a building on Wednesday last.

The Jury recorded a verdict of suicide.

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AMUSEMENTS

REGAL—"Who Done It?" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
METRO—"Gone With the Wind" 2-45 and 7-45 p.m.
CAPITOL Dr. Broadway 4 6-30 and 9-30
HIND-MATA—"Mamaji" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR "Vasant Sena" 4 7 and 10
CITY LIGHT "Tamasha" 4-30 7-15 and 10
BROADWAY "Holi" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
SUPER "Gora Kumbhar" 4-15, 7 and 9-45
STRAND—"All Thru The Night" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
EXCELSIOR—"This Gun For Hire" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
NEW EMPIRE—"Bambi" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
EROS—"Springtime in the Rockies" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Prarthana" 4, 7 and 10 p m
NEW WEST END—"Zamindar" 3 6-30 and 10 p.m
CENTRAL "Ten O'Clock" 4 7 and 10 p.m
SWASTIK—"Jawani" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m
ROXY—"Kismat" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p m
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
PALACE—"Sergeant York" 4, 6-30 and 10
AURORA "Louisiana Purchase" 4 6-30 and 10 p.m
APOLLO Station Master 4-30, 7 and 10
CHITRA—"Khan-Daan" 3 6-15 and 9-30
OPERA HOUSE—"Surdas" 5, 7-30 and 10
MINERVA—"Sharda" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m
NOVELTY—"Yad" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m
IMPERIAL—"Jawab" 4, 7 and 10 p.m

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING: A meeting of the Standing Committee will be held in the Corporation Hall to-day at 2-30 p.m. (B.T.).

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Short Talk on "What is Theosophy?" Jehangir Wadia Bldg. Opp. Flora Fountain to-day at 6-15 p.m.

GRANT COLLEGE MEDICAL SOCIETY: A clinical meeting of the Society at "The Tata Diabetic Clinic" (Dr. S. J. Meher-Homji's Hospital Bldg.) 79, Tardeo Rd., (Opp. Central Studios) to-day at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.).

TEACHERS' TRAINING ACADEMY: Mr. N. N. Mehta will lecture on 'Mental Testing' to-day in G. T. High School at 4 p.m.

MESSAGE ON THE UPANISHADS: Swami Ranganathananda, will speak on "The Message of the Upanishads" to-day at Ramakrishna Vivekananda Centre, 64, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar, (B. B. and C. I. Rly.) at 7-15 p.m.

SERVANTS OF HUMANITY CENTRE: First Aid lecture on "Visible (External) and Concealed (Internal) Haemorrhage" to-day at 6-30 p.m. by Mr. Burjor J. Shroff at the Tardeo Zarthosti Mandal Stores Office, near Tata Colony.

LIGHT ORCHESTRAL MUSIC. To-day (Wednesday), at 10-5 p.m. All-India Radio, Bombay will broadcast a Concert of light orchestral music played by the newly-formed All-India Radio, Orchestra. The programme will include four "Slavonic Dances" by Walter Kaufmann and four "Old English Dances" by Coates.

PARSIS TO PRAY FOR GANDHIJI: Under the auspices of the Freedom Group, prayers will be offered for Gandhiji at Jivanji Modi Hall, Old Custom House Road, Fort, to-morrow (Thursday), at 6 p.m. (S.T.)

INTER-COLLEGIATE MUSICAL COMPETITION: Organised by St. Xaviers College Musical Club, the Musical Competition between the students of various colleges, will take place on the 25th Feb. at 4-30 p.m. at the College Hall.

ART SOCIETY OF INDIA: Messrs. H. A. Shah, B. V. Talim, V. V. Oak, K. R. Ketkar and S. L. Haldankar have been appointed trustees to the Art Society of India.

HINDI VIDYA MANDIR, MALAD: New admissions begin from Sunday, 28th instant to 14th March 1943, for Rashtrabhasha Prarambhik, Pravesh, Parichaya and Kovid Classes. Students seeking admission should either come to the Local Board's Gujarati School (Seth Anandilal Podar Road, Malad) on Saturdays and Sundays at 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. respectively or fill in their Application Forms in the office of the Bombay Suburban Sewa Premi Mandal (Seva Kutir, Malad) on any day upto 14th March 1943. Telephone 84009.

HINDI VIDYA MANDIR, BORIVLI: New admissions for Rashtrabhasha Prarambhik and Pravesh Classes will begin from Sunday 28th instant to 14th March 1943 at the Borivli English School between 2 and 3 p.m.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS: Lady Lumley presided at an Executive Committee Meeting of the Bombay Presidency Infant Welfare Society at the Secretariat on Tuesday.

Prayers For Gandhiji

SHRI VADNAGARA NAGAR MANDAL: Shree Vadnagara Nagar Mandal, Bombay is performing "Mrutyunjaya-Jap" ceremony for Gandhiji's "Long Life".

Prayers for Gandhiji's Health have also been offered by the National Kannada Educational Society, the Bombay Akali Dal, the Kshatriya Union Club and the Sri Modasa Hitechhu Mandal.

The following persons and Associations have sent telegrams or addressed letters to the Viceroy for an unconditional and immediate release of Gandhiji:—

The Indian Merchants' Chamber, the Bombay Marwadi Sammelan, the Bombay Wool Merchants' Association the Bombay Sindhi Association, The Bombay Women's Association, the Maharashtra Utkarsha Mandal, Shri Bombay Sthanakvasi Jain Sangh, the Youngmen's Hindu Association, the Bombay Akali Dal, the Bombay Suburban Hotel and Restaurant Keepers' Association, the P. J. Hindu Gymkhana, The Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association, the Bombay Country Fancy and Grey Piece-goods Merchants' Association, Bombay Harijan Hitwardhak Mandal, the Orient Club and The Bombay Keraleeya Samaj.

SHARE AND STOCK BROKERS' DECISION: A meeting of the Members of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association and their staff held on Tuesday deplored the attitude of Government in not releasing Mahatma Gandhi unconditionally in spite of the universal appeal of the people of India and appealed to Members to suspend dealings during the remaining period of the fast.

The meeting collected a sum of over Rs. 45,000 in a few minutes for relief measures to feed cows and the poor.

MILL GIN STORES MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION: All the members of The Mill Gin Store Merchants' Association have resolved to stop work till the end of Gandhiji's fast.

HINDI CLASSES: Classes for coaching for the Rashtrabhasha Prachar Sabha, exam: Wardha, commenced in Seth A. P. High School, Santa Cruz. Apply to Secretary of the S. Hindi Prachar Sabha, Santa Cruz.

THE ASTHIKA SAMAJ: The South Indian community are having the following programme at the Asthika Samaj Hall on Wednesday the 24th February, 1943:—For the preservation of Mahatmaji's life.

7 a.m. to 12 noon—Mahamrithyunjaya Homam; 3 p.m. to 7-45 p.m.—Purnabhishekam; 8 p.m. to 8-10 p.m.—Mass prayer and 8-15 p.m. to 10 p.m.—Kramarchana.

BOMBAY CONSUMERS' FEDERATION.

Mr. Narayan V. Joshirao writes from Matunga (C/o Lokmanya Vastu Bhandar, Brahmanwadi) writes:—

The Bombay Consumers Federation is an organisation comprising all consumers and consumers' Stores and Organisations or Units. It is, in fact, a union of all those interested in this problem of foodstuffs.

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All are invited to join.

Details can be had of from me or Mr. S. C. Joshi, Soman Building, Girgaon Main Road, or Mr. R. R. Bakhle of the Servants of India Society, Sandhurst Road, Bombay.

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APPEALS AND WARNINGS

Gandhiji has just completed two weeks of his fast but the most trying week is yet to be gone through. Tuesday's bulletin about his health does not specifically mention any serious change for the worse. But every day of the fast must necessarily make him weaker, and there are seven more days ahead. As these will be most exacting it is to be hoped that visits to him even for mere "darshan" will be rigorously reduced. Even an effort to speak will weaken him. As a rule, no visitor should be allowed in unless Gandhiji is keen on seeing him. He may well have one or two extra days of silence this week.

Every passing day of the fast naturally adds to the anguish of the people and this finds but poor relief in appeals to the Viceroy to release Gandhiji. The resolution adopted unanimously by the public meeting in Bombay on Monday and a similar one adopted by a meeting of Muslim women on Tuesday but feebly express the feelings of the people. Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas remarked that Government's ways seemed more inscrutable than the ways of providence. The ways are inscrutable only if Government are credited with charity in such a matter. But Sir Purshotamdas stated a plain truth plainly when he added that the refusal to release Gandhiji was a disservice not only to India and Britain but also to the Allied Nations. Nor did Mr. Horniman exaggerate the consequences of a fatal fast when he said that if anything happened to Gandhiji there would be a revulsion of feeling like the one following the fast and the death of McSwiney in prison and a great wave of indignation would sweep through even a far off country like America. Demands for Gandhiji's release are not confined to India. They have been made by Indians and non-Indians in England, South Africa and America, though rigorous one-sided censorship prevents one getting full information about these latter. Many Britishers and Americans are doubtless much disturbed by what Mr. Lloyd George calls Government's muddle. To the official plea that Gandhiji and other Congress leaders are responsible for violence and should not expect mercy Mr. Lionel Fielden replies that the Government's statement, while clearly wishing to fasten responsibility for violence on the Congress, obviously fails to do so and that "proofs so far adduced satisfy no Court of Law." He accordingly suggests a judicial enquiry into the Indian civil disturbances "before Mr. Gandhi's fasting brings the pot of hatred once more to the boil." Indians would enthusiastically welcome any impartial inquiry at any time. But that should not be allowed to delay Gandhiji's release. Once he is released and is in a position to issue a statement to the world replying to the charges urged against him, that by itself will dispel the smoke-screens raised to obscure the issues before the country. Yet, however, unpalatable such a statement may be to Government, it will at the same time help a settlement, if Government want a settlement. The measure of Government's willingness is given by the Viceroy's rejection of the eminently reasonable compromise suggested by Mr. Rajagopalachariar which would have led to Gandhiji giving up the fast.

Russian Race With Time

It was to be expected that faced with a total collapse of their winter line, the German General Staff would fight bitterly for every inch of the field. It is no surprise, therefore, that the Russian advance has appreciably slowed down since the capture of Kharkov and that in the Doubas coalfields and elsewhere the Germans are not only offering fierce resistance but even counter-attacking whenever and wherever possible. Even so the advance tank forces of the Red Army are now within 20 or 25 miles of Orel and the doom of that key city seems to be virtually sealed now. The Germans are also said to be abandoning Dnepropetrovsk, which is one of the major bastions of the Dnieper line. Will the Russians be able to get astride the river before thaw sets in and crossing becomes difficult? That is the problem which is of most interest to-day for if once the Red Army gets astride the Dnieper, the final German winter line will be inevitably pressed back to the Dniester.

The Difference

For several years before the commencement of the war the Central Legislative urged the Railway Board in every debate on the Railway budget to promote the manufacture of locomotives in India. But the proposal never received the attention it deserved, though it was often stated to be under consideration. The need for more locomotives is now greater than ever. But the Railway Member stated in the Assembly on Monday that Government were still discussing for the past several months, with experts, the question of the best design for India. After it was decided upon, he said, they would consider whether at the juncture it would be profitable to have their own locomotive factories or to continue for the war period to obtain them from America. A National Government would have started factories long ago, but the present Government have been busy for months past with the question of the best design.

MAISKY WARNS AGAINST OPTIMISTIC ILLUSIONS

Plea To Allies To Ensure Decisive Defeat Of Nazis This Year

LONDON, FEB. 23.

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, speaking in London to-day uttered a warning against optimistic illusions created by the recent Soviet successes and called on the Allies to ensure the decisive defeat of Germany and her satellites this year.

"However gratifying are our victories and the fine exploits of your Eighth Army it would be a great error to think that Nazi Germany is on her last legs."

M. Maisky who was opening an exhibition of "Twenty-five years of the U.S.S.R. and the Red Army" said that the Soviet successes were being won at the price of thousands and thousands of human lives and tremendous destruction in town and country.

"It is natural therefore, that the U.S.S.R. should expect early realisation of the military decisions taken at Casablanca", he continued: "Let us make the year 1943 a year of decisive defeat for Nazi Germany and her satellites."

SOONER THE BETTER

"The sooner the Anglo-American forces begin to deliver hard blows against Nazi Germany in Europe, the sooner will Nazi Germany be placed between two powerful hammer-blows knocking at her from the east and from the west, the sooner will come our common victory and the smaller will be the sacrifices needed for it. The task is great but the forces at our common command are overwhelming. Let us use them in the right way and at the right time. Don't give respite to the enemy, he is too confused".

Near M. Maisky on the platform sat high officers of the British and Soviet fighting forces. American and British soldiers mingled with the crowd standing in the hall.

The exhibition tells the British people the story of the U. S. S. R. during the last 25 years. Four hundred photographic panels illustrate the life of the Soviet citizen. There is also a display of photographs of the Stalin prize-winners—leaders in all branches of art, who have won the highest honour their country offers.

ADAM AND EVE ARE EQUAL FOR WAR RISK

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Adoption of flat rates of compensation for war injuries for all adult civilians irrespective of sex or occupation is proposed in the report of the Select Committee on Equal Compensation published to-day.

The Committee declares that the proposal that civilian women should be compensated equally with men not only has justice on its side but could be adopted with little practical difficulty and at relatively little cost.—Reuter.

Frankly Speaking

Food Problems

Repeated assurances by Government that fresh supplies of foodstuffs were due very soon eased the situation in the city to some extent, and the long queues before Government grain shops have not been in evidence for some days past. But wheat continues to be hardly available. Government have now raised the maximum retail price of wheat to Re. 1 per payli for the city and the suburbs. But the question is: Where is the wheat to be brought for any price? One can only hope that the higher price may enable Government and the traders to purchase larger quantities from wheat producing provinces like the Punjab. We are also told that in view of large exports of maize from Bombay and the need to conserve stocks in the city the Government of Bombay has prohibited the export of maize and maize products from Bombay without a permit. But the question is why the "large exports" were at all permitted in spite of the admitted and long-felt need to conserve stocks.

Finland Sues For Peace?

The message sent by the Stockholm correspondent of the "New York Times" that Finland has decided to sue for separate peace seems to be based mainly on wishful thinking. It may be that that wishful thinking is shared by a large number of Finnish people themselves. Their plight has been progressively worsening and the spectre of famine and disease now haunts that once fair land. But the Finns, like the Italians, are so much in the grip of the Nazis and their Government has become so subservient to Berlin that it is difficult to believe that there is any immediate prospect of a separate peace. The recent virtually unanimous re-election of Dr. Ryti as the President shows that the new cabinet is not likely to strike any new path even though M. Witting is dropped from it. Besides, the Russians will be in no mood to negotiate any peace terms as such; what they will insist upon after their bitter experience of 1940 is unconditional surrender. And considering that Finland has almost wantonly participated in the Russo-German war, there will be little world sympathy to be spared for those dupes of Hitler.

CAN MINISTER DISCLOSE HIS ADVICE TO GOVERNOR?

CALCUTTA, February 22.

A point of constitutional importance was raised by Dr. Nalinaksha Sanyal, (Congress) in the Bengal Legislative Assembly today (when he sought, on a point of order, a ruling from the Chair as to whether the House had a right to know what advice a Minister had tendered to the Governor in relation to a particular matter.

The point arose out of a question put by Dr Sanyal last week when he wanted to ascertain from the Home Minister, Mr A K. Fazlul Huq whether Dr. Suresh Chandra Majumdar, Dr. Satyapriya Banerjee and Mr. Sasanka Sekhar Sanyal had been detained as security prisoners under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules with his consent or not.

On that occasion the Home Minister had stated that as he understood the constitutional position, the advice given by a Minister to a Governor could not be disclosed. He had promised, however, to look into the question once again to see whether he would be within his rights if he disclosed the information.

Speaking on the point of order raised by Dr. Sanyal, Mr. Huq said to-day that he had tried to ascertain whether the Viceroy's Declaration made in June 1937 defining the position of a Minister vis-a-vis a Provincial Governor had been modified in view of circumstances consequent upon war conditions and he (Mr. Huq) had been assured that the declaration stood good.

'INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT'

Mr. Huq said that in relation to a matter falling within the sphere of 'individual judgment' of the Governor a Minister had the right to differ from a Governor and had also a right to tell the Legislature, if he so desired, that he gave a particular advice and that that was not accepted.

But if the Minister did not desire to let the Legislature know what passed between him and the Governor, Mr. Huq did not think that the constitutional position came to this that he (the Minister concerned) could be compelled by a series of questions to disclose the advice that he had tendered.

The Chair said that the point of order raised by Dr. Sanyal was an important constitutional question and he proposed to give his ruling either to-morrow or the day after.

The Assembly resumed general discussion of the budget to-day. Discussion had not concluded when it adjourned till to-morrow. —A. P.

CORVETTE "SAMPHIRE" LOST

LONDON, Feb. 22.

An Admiralty 'communique' tonight announces corvette "Samphire" (Lieutenant-Commander F. T. Renny) has been lost.—Reuter.

What Modern Turkey Stands For

SIX FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF KEMALISM

By. F. R. Atay, Leader of the Turkish Press Mission.

Kemalism showed that it was a pure waste of time for Turkey trying to find a compromise between two civilizations and to create a mixed civilization as the Ottoman Empire tried to do for a century and a half during its long struggle for existence against the western world. It made a definite decision to save the Turkish portion of the Empire which collapsed in this moral incertitude.

The Turkish nation is a western nation like the French, the Italians, the Swedes, and the characteristics which separate it from the others are only those which exist between western civilised nations.

But Kemalism is not made to measure, turned out in a mould and applied as a completed whole. The regime of Kemalist Turkey was born of its history, the product of its fight for independence and therefore a regime unique to Turkey, having the profound imprint of its own personality. It can thus neither be compared with nor paralled to any other foreign regime.

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Kemalism is based on six fundamental principles, symbolised by the six white arrows on the red ground of the flag of the People's party.

These six principles were in the beginning only the axioms of the party, but they figure now in the constitutional law of Turkey and control all the activities of the State and the country in political, social and economic spheres.

The constitution of Turkey does not prevent the plurality of political parties, but no party may adopt principles contrary to these six constitutional rules which are:

1. Turkey is Republican. The constitution even forbids the Grand National Assembly to modify the Articles of the constitution referring to the republican regime. It is the form of Government determined by the Revolution and is unchangeable.

2. Turkey is Nationalist. She carries out a policy of "Turkification" which has as its aim the cultural and economic development of Turkish elements, and this policy bases itself rigorously on nationalism within the Frontiers of Turkey. From the point of view of culture, it aims at the study of the history, civilisation and art of all Turks and the making of them its own. Kemalist Nationalism is not racial: it seeks the elements of unity in culture. It does not question the blood or the origin of those who live in Turkey and are Turks in spirit and outlook.

3. Turkey is democratic. There is only one class in Turkey and that is the Turkish people. No belief or tradition gives any individual right to any privileges, nor can they disturb the unity or equality of the mass of the population. All national activities are directed towards the welfare of the people. Kemalism is democratic in the widest and deepest meaning of the word.

4. Turkey is centred in the state (Etatism). The state can in the name of common interest found, direct or control all economics, social, industrial and cultural institutions. The great institutions belong directly to the State: Factories, Banks, Companies etc. Private economic, industrial, commercial and financial enterprises also exist, but they are strictly controlled by the State and their objects must accord with the essential principles of Kemalism and with the national interests. It is not permitted to foreigners to hold more than 49 per cent of the shares in any Company.

5. Turkey is a secular State. (Laisism). Religion is separated from the functions of state. Religious argument is not permitted to play a part either in legislation, or in questions of administration: or politics, or in social matters or in education.

However, Kemalism respects the integrity and liberty of the conscience. Every citizen is free to believe in and practise the religion of his choice. All observances of worship are permitted within the confines of religious buildings. In the organisation of the state their exists a Department of Religious Affairs which has the duty of controlling expenditure, and of nominating religious functionaries. A Directorate General of the "Eukaf" administers funds allocated to the repair and upkeep of pious foundations. Besides Sunni Turks, there are in Turkey people of other sects. The Ottoman Empire in accepting the Islamic religion had adopted only the Sunni sect of that religion and this engendered separatism within the community. Secularism has assured true Turkish unity.

6. Turkey is revolutionary. This means that Kemalist Turkey did not hesitate to cut itself free from even the strongest traditional influences when it was a question of executing social and administrative reforms judged to be necessary in the interests of the nation. Such measures are discussed, approved or rejected, with a liberty free of all restraint or coercion.

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After this short resume of essential principles, it may perhaps be of value to give some clear idea of certain other important aspects:

(i) There exists in Turkey a real and perfect equality between men and women. Turkish women vote and are eligible for seats in the Grand Nation Assembly, and as members of municipal bodies. They can be judges in the law courts, doctors or teachers, and all professions and posts are open to them.

(ii) Primary education is obligatory and free

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(iii) The reform of the Turkish language consists in its essentials of this:—

There existed in the past a marked difference between the spoken and written language. Arabic and Persian words were employed in the language in accordance with the particular rules of their own grammars. For example, the plural of an Arabic word was formed according to Arabic grammatical rules. The reform of the language aims:—

(a) To preserve in the Turkish language certain Arabic and Persian words subject to the rules of Turkish grammar

(b) To give preference in the spoken language to words of Turkish origin.

(c) To choose or form new words hitherto un-used in the sources of Turkish language and culture.

(d) To adopt scientific and technical terms of Greek and Latin origin which are already in general international use.

(e) To purify the language and nationalise the vocabulary by the use of the Latin alphabet which is the one most suited to the structure of the Turkish language.

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The fundamental principles of Kemalism with regard to foreign policy can be summarised as follows:—

(1) To recognise the independence of all nations within the limits of their national territories.

(2) To abstain from aggression and intervention in the domestic affairs of other countries.

(3) To recognise the equality of rights between nations, i.e., to admit no variation of treatment arising from differences of religion, race or colour.

(4) To settle all international questions by pacific means and mutual understanding, and to adhere to and support all international institutions based on these principles.

It must be added that Kemalism in adopting the hat as a head gear did not merely seek an exterior resemblance to the western peoples. Kemalism, which in itself is a struggle against false prejudices, bad traditions, and absence of liberty of thought and conscience, wished to free Turkey from the trammels of false religious interpretation which would attribute such and such a costume to such and such a religion. Kemalism sought out the characteristics of Turkish nationalism, not in exterior signs, but in the development of its national genius.

When Kemalism adopted the system of western music, it realised that in this way the national music would live in western music in the same way as in the ancient classical music lived a real Turkish music. Never has folklore and the literature of the people been so much appreciated as at present.

To-day, when there is no longer any difference between them and other western peoples, the Turks of Kemalist Turkey are more nationalist, more Turkish, one might say, than they were in the times when they differed completely from Europeans, whether in costume or in head gear, or in their artistic and scientific institutions.

"OFF THE RECORD"

Now 'off the record', to use an American slang. Applications in tens and hundreds are believed to be pouring in since the last two days in the Private Secretary to the Viceroy's Office and newspapermen are being canvassed to advance the cause of particular persons. The applicants often emphasise the Provincial aspect of the question. For instance, it is claimed that Mr. Sarker should be succeeded by a Bengalee and Sir Homi Mody by a Bombayite. The applications are reported to be something like the following:—

May it please your Excellency:

Having been given to understand that the post of three Executive Councillors have fallen vacant, I beg to apply to any one of them As for my qualifications I have always abused the Congress and the Muslim League and have always advanced the cause of nobody but myself. I have tried my best to create dissensions in this country thereby serving the best interests of my superiors. I am a confirmed believer in 'status quo', so far as it did not apply to myself. As for my educational qualifications although I am only a failed Matric, I have acquired sufficient proficiency in English by rubbing shoulders with Englishmen at Garden Parties and lunches, which I have been standing to incoming and outgoing Collectors and lately to American and other foreign journalists. I have very generously contributed to War Funds and shall be prepared to contribute 50 per cent of my salary to any cause selected by the Viceroy, if I am appointed an Executive Councillor. The list of my other activities in connection with war effort are not inconsiderable.

One of the most alive forms of my war activities has been to preside over meetings of the various associations created by myself. I have a serious grouse against the newspapers, which have not given adequate publicity to my war activities but the copies of the resolutions adopted at these meetings are enclosed herewith as my testimonials. If I am fortunate enough to be selected by Your Excellency I solemnly promise never to differ with my Lord and Master on any issue and never to dream of resigning. I hold that Your Excellency is the best friend India has and therefore I could safely surrender my judgment to you.— "Dawn."

Our Readers' Views

Why Not Try Him?

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—The British Government and most of the civilised world have loudly and consistently expressed their disapproval, in very strong terms, of Hitler's methods of dealing with those under suspicion by locking them up in his notorious Concentration Camps. The Government of India, therefore, would be expected not to follow Hitler's methods of dealing with their political adversaries by putting them in detention camps, but it would seem that such is not the case in their dealing with men like Mahatma Gandhi and others whom they have kept in detention camps on suspicion.

The Government of India have made it very clear that if any move is to be made to solve the present impasse it should be in the direction of inducing Mahatma Gandhi to give up his fast, or, in other words, the Government have declared themselves adamant to all pleadings to release Mahatma Gandhi. On the other hand the correspondence between Mahatma Gandhi and the Viceroy makes it quite clear that the Mahatma is not likely to be swayed from his resolve.

Therefore, would it not be better if instead of pleading with the Viceroy to release Mahatma Gandhi those who wish to save his life would urge the Viceroy to try Mahatma Gandhi on specified charges and prove him guilty of the offence in the proper Court of Law?

If the Viceroy agrees to meet this request the Mahatma perhaps will have no objection to giving up his fast.

If the Viceroy declines to meet this request the world will know where the shoe pinches.—Yours etc.,

JUSTICE.

Mr. Parker's Appeal

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

I seek the hospitality of your columns to urge all members of **the R.W.I.T.C., who can possibly do so, to attend the Annual General Meeting at 6-30 p.m at Mahaluxmi, on Wednestay the 24th inst. It is** more than normally important that they should attend the meeting this year; even if they have already given proxies, it is better that they should be present in person as, in the past, proxies have not always been used exactly in accordance with the intentions of the donors, and there is a serious risk this year, that this may occur again.

I suggest that all members should desist from asking any but really important questions relating to the report for the year. A long meeting dealing with unimportant details rarely produces good results, and the main object on this occasion is to appoint a Committee who will have the confidence of the public. For this reason it is the duty of members, who are the Trustees for the public of Racing in Western India, to attend the meeting, and vote with this one object in view.—Yours etc.,

R. H. PARKER

A Christian's Appeal

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—The tragedy connected with Mahatma Gandhi's fast is rapidly moving to its climax as the Doctors' reports seem to indicate. Is there no kindly light to dispel the encircling gloom which has settled so heavily on the country?

As one who eschews controversial politics and as a Christian appealing to a Christian Government, I strongly feel—many a Britisher shares my view—that this is preeminently a crisis in which mercy should reason justice. Mercy at this juncture in Indian affairs will bless him that gives and him that takes and will without doubt rally a great mass of Indian sentiment in favour of a magnanimous Government which this once at least releases the Mahatma.

If for no other reason such action on the part of Government would be greatly appreciated by all enlightened opinion the world over which has never failed to recognise the great work of the Mahatma in attempting to re-establish politics on a basis of spirituality. It is the lack or disregard of this latter factor which to-day rocks European civilisation to its foundations. For too long had spirituality been divorced from politics until the bitter lessons of the present War demonstrated the close affinity between the two in such world pronouncements as the Atlantic Charter and H H the Pope's Peace Points. Indeed, it would be an irreparable loss if the Mahatma as the great Indian protagonist of truth, nonviolence and absence of hate were missing at the Peace Conference of the United Nations to make his contribution, at least from the Eastern point of view, to the problems of post-war reconstruction.

Whatever the merits of the controversy between Government and Mr. Gandhi and however sharply divided opinions may be as to the moral or political justification for a fast endangering human life, or as to the attitude of Government, a magnanimous gesture on the part of Government releasing him before it is too late, cannot fail to strike a chord of grateful appreciation in the hearts of millions of Indians, who regard him as the foremost Indian of them all, and certainly to touch his own not unresponsive heart as an avowed friend of Britain.

If sentiment be charged against me let it not be forgotten that all human history and achievement has been actuated by sentiment and idealism.—Yours, etc.,

WILFRED E. PEREIRA.

Turkish Press Delegation

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—My heartiest congratulation to the Turkish Press Delegation which is here through the invitation of the Government of India. I hope it will improve a great deal the relations between the two countries. I wish to draw your attention that similar mission should be requested to visit India from South Africa. Recently the Indian High Commissioner of South Africa stated that the Indians had suffered bitterly there. Therefore such a mission is liable to remove the misunderstanding and explain the true condition of India. It is but natural that both the countries are sure to [illegible]

I sincerely hope that this matter will be favourably considered,—Yours etc.

A. M. SARFUDIN BANDERIE.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"The general point as to whether the Congress Party can be proved guilty of instigating violence lies at the heart of the Indian problem.

"Proofs" so far adduced would satisfy no court of law. Yet it is from this issue that continued imprisonment of leaders of India's largest party and continued deadlock in India and Mr. Gandhi's fast all spring.

The Government's statement, while clearly wishing to fasten responsibility for violence on the Congress, obviously fails to do so."

—LIONEL FIELDEN, writing in "Evening Standard", London.

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"The Russian soldier", says Bori Bunder, "knows how to fight; he also knows for what to fight."

Also they know that they have what they are fighting for!

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The German General Dietmar says that "in the summer of 1941 Germany took offensive for preventive purposes...."

At the same time the Russians took the defensive for aggressive purposes and the result is known to the world!

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"International Women's Day" is to be celebrated in London.

We bet it is sponsored by some dress-maker to give a fillip to his sales.

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"Workers in four textile mills in Bombay city abstained from work to-day. The workers did not ascribe any reason for their staying away."

—Bori Bunder Junior

Now, didn't they? Isn't that funny? Or, is it?

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A free canteen for Indian troops —the first of its kind—has been opened in Bombay.

The nation ought to feel grateful for such small mercies.

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The Calcutta telephone system is being taken over by the Government.

In Bombay the system has not yet been taken over but the telephones have been!

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WHY MEN WEAR TROUSERS

—Headline.

The more important and intriguing question is: Why women wear trousers!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS
(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) Anglo-Indian journals have become so enamoured of the Red Army that they propose that the Indian and British armies should be reorganized on the Soviet model.

(2) Marshal Timoshenko, accordingly, may be appointed Commander-in-Chief in India, provided he gives an undertaking that British personnel will continue to draw five times as much salary as the Indian.

(3) Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, expressed his concern over Gandhiji's fast to Lord Halifax but that does not mean America is intervening in British affairs.

(4) Reuter would call it "intervention" only when America threatens an invasion of England unless the British Government releases Gandhiji—an "intervention" on the lines of the Anglo-American "intervention" at the end of the last war.

(5) Sir Richard Tottenham has written a book describing violent revolutionary methods which the Government has promptly banned.

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"My dear," said the old-fashioned mother, "I want to have a serious talk with you about the facts of life."

"Fire away, Mum," replied the modern daughter sinking her cocktail. "What is it you want to know?"

The collective fines imposed on the villages of Charan, Bilashi and Arla, in the Shirala Petha of Satara District, have been recovered in full.

Railways To Run Air Services?

BENTHALL ON PROBLEMS OF POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION: "CUT" MOTIONS LOST IN ASSEMBLY

NEW DELHI Feb. 23.

"The Bangle Industry in Ferozabad is not a war industry." Mr. N. M. Joshi caused amusement when he made this declaration in the Assembly to-day in the course of the debate on Mr. Neogy's cut motion in the railway budget to discuss the policy of wagon allotment and distribution.

When the motion was put to the vote, official benches, apparently absorbed in other matters, failed to say "no" and the Chair announced "ayes have it."

Protesting against the enhancement of rates and fares in the last few years, Mr. Lalchand Navalrai moved a cut motion. He argued that the increases were decided upon owing to deficits and later on account of the war. But now that there was a large surplus, it was reasonable to demand reduction in them, particularly in Third and Inter Class fares. He criticised why a part of the surplus was being diverted to the general revenues.

Mr. Mohd. Nauman, Babu A. N. Chattopadhyaya and Maulvi M. A. Ghani supported the motion.

OVERCROWDING

Sir Hugh Raper, replying on behalf of the Railway Department, asserted that Government were conscious of overcrowding in the trains. The fact was that in spite of "less travel" campaigns, there were more passengers wanting to travel than the railways could accommodate. Overcrowding would rather increase than diminish by a reduction in rates and fares. Moreover railways would have to cope with more goods. He said that in the case of Third Class traffic, the fares had increased by only .05 pies per mile from the prewar level and certain concessions which were introduced was no justification left for keeping them in force.

He held the view that by keeping the rates and fares up, at least to some extent, more travellers and more goods, would be avoided.

The motion when pressed to a division was lost by 38 to 20 votes.

RAILWAYS TO RUN AIR SERVICES?

The possibility of railways running Air Services in India after the war was indicated by the War Transport Member, Sir Edward Benthall during the course of debate on problems of post-war reconstruction on a cut motion moved by Sir Frederick James.

The Transport Member said: "It is true that the Railways will experience competition from the air after the war, but I do not rule out the possibility of Railways running their own air services.

Mr. Stokes dealt with the reconstruction and betterment of Railways and the housing programme for labour.

LEAVE IT TO NATIONAL GOVT.

Supporting the motion, Mr. Nauman drew the attention of the War Transport Member to the competitions the Railways would have to face after the war from both the road and the air, and suggested that plans for rationalising it, should be prepared now.

Mr. L. K. Maitra considered that postwar reconstruction was the work of a National Government and he would oppose the motion, if the problems were to be decided by this Government."

BENTHALL EXPLAINS

Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, explained that it was not possible to tackle the whole problem of post-war reconstruction as it related to the Railways, at this time, without serious impediment to the war effort. The problem of reconstruction was a world problem and the Government of India could not settle it alone. However, they had set up a reconstruction Committee, before which Railway planning would also come up for consideration.

Concluding he said Government were anxious to deal with post-war reconstruction problems and they would seek to obtain experts to advise them and to find funds for the purpose as soon as it was expedient and possible.

The movers, thereupon withdrew the cut motion.

Earlier the House talked out Sardar Sant Singh's motion for a cut to discuss the curtailment of passenger train services in the country.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

Mr. N. M. Joshi by the cut motion moved during the day dwelt on the grievances of Railwaymen regarding conditions of service. He objected to the scheme of dearness allowance under which Railwaymen were classified according to localities and scale of pay. He wanted abolition of these categories and urged a uniform flat rate of dearness allowance to be paid to workers with pay upto say Rs. 250.

Mr. Joshi further complained that there was no relation between the rate of dearness allowance and cost of living and suggested that the creation of a machinery, such as was suggested by the Rau Committee, by which dearness allowance could be increased automatically with an increase in the cost of living.

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai complained of the irregular supplies of foodgrains and lack of selectivity.

The debate had not concluded when the Assembly adjourned till to-morrow.

Ruled Out

ADJOURNMENT ON CHARGE-SHEET

In the Assembly to-day the President ruled out of order Sardar Sant Singh's adjournment motion to discuss the publication, at a time when Mahatma Gandhi was passing through a crisis, of a review intended to establish Congress responsibility for the disturbances, thereby displaying callousness and disregard of propriety and sense of responsibility.

The Chair observed that speeches had been made in this very House citing the facts given in the pamphlet. The publication of the pamphlet was therefore not an urgent matter under the rules.—

"Brothels Out Of Bounds To Troops"

"Brothels in Calcutta have all along been out of bounds to troops, an old order to that effect was reaffirmed as recently as 13th of June 1942."

This statement was made in the Legislative Assembly by Mr. C. M. Trivedi, War Secretary in reply to Mr. N. M. Joshi's query whether the Government of India would consider the suggestion made by the Metropolitan that all brothel areas should be out of bounds for soldiers.—A. P.

AXIS DRIVE BLUNTED

Rommel May Try Westerly Thrust To Algeria

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa: The German tank drive in Central Tunisia has been checked four miles south of Thala after 24 hours' furious fighting. British and American troops inflicted heavy casualties and took prisoners. They were strongly supported from the air.

The news indicates that there has been no fresh German advance in their main drive north-west and north of Kasserine Pass since early yesterday, when they were stated to be between 14 and 16 miles from the exit of the Pass.

ALLIED COMMUNIQUE

The text of Allied Communique states "heavy fighting continued throughout the day in the area North and Northwest of Kasserine. The enemy made heavy attacks with tanks and British and American tank and infantry units successfully held the enemy at all points inflicting heavy casualties and taking prisoners.

Our aircraft made many attacks on enemy forces in this area. One "Junkers 87" was shot down by our fighters.

BR. RESIDENT MINISTER IN MISHAP

It is announced that Mr. Harold MacMillan, British Resident-Minister in North Africa, was slightly injured recently in an aircraft accident in North Africa. "His condition is satisfactory and he will be working again shortly."

GERMANS GET ARTILLERY

The Germans have been able to get artillery through the Kasserine Pass towards Thala, which has added to the difficulties of the British and American forces.

By attempting to slash through gaps in the new Allied defence, line, which had scarcely had time to become stabilised, the Germans are offering threats to Allied forces which were themselves threatening German lines of communication down the length of Tunisia.

ARNIM ON DEFENSIVE

In the north-eastern corner of Tunisia, Von Arnim, apart from occasional light feelers against British positions, remains on the defensive. He is busily preparing "impregnable" positions to protect Bizerta and Tunis.

An earlier message stated:

A communique on Monday states Axis carried out actions supported by tanks in the area of six miles east of Sbiba, concentrating their efforts on two important points of the front.

Victory "Just Round The Corner", Says Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

President Roosevelt to-night hailed the Red Army's successes as indicating that Victory for the United Nations was "just around the corner."

President Roosevelt, who was broadcasting from the Whitehouse in commemoration of Washington's birthday, outlined the lessons to be drawn from the career of America's first President. He said,

"We Americans of today, know that there would have been no successful outcome to the revolution which gave us liberty, had it not been for George Washington's faith and the fact that the faith overcame bickerings and confusion and doubts which sceptics and cynics provoked. The objectives of the American revolution were today among the primary objectives of the entire civilised world. The Americans of Washington's day were at war. We, Americans of today are at war. The Americans of Washington's day faced defeat on many occasions. We faced and still face reverses and misfortune.

ON RUSSIAN FRONT

Today, the great successes on the Russian Front have led thousands of Americans to throw their hats in the air and proclaim victory is just around the corner. Others among us believe in the age of miracles. They forget there is no Joshua in our midst. We cannot count on great walls crumbling and falling when a trumpet blows and peoples shout. It is not enough that we have faith and that we have hope. Washington, himself was the exemplification of the other great need. Would that all of us could live our lives and direct our thoughts and control our tongues as did the father of our country."

RED ARMY'S ACHIEVEMENTS

The enforced retreat of the enemy had cost him heavily in men, supplies and territory and especially in morale. Such achievements can only be accomplished by an army that has skilful leadership sound organisation, adequate training and, above all determination to defeat the enemy at no matter what cost and self sacrifice. At the same time, I also wish to pay a tribute to the Russian people from whom the Red Army springs and upon whom it is dependent for its men, women and supplies. They too are giving their full efforts to the war and are making the supreme sacrifice. The Red Army and Russian people have surely started Hitler's forces on the road to ultimate defeat and have earned the lasting admiration of the people of the United States".—Reuter.

U. S. LAUNCHES 45,000-TON WARSHIP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

The 45,000-ton battleship "Iowa", the mightiest warship of the United States Navy, has been commissioned seven months ahead of schedule. The Navy Secretary Col. Knox who announced this at his Press Conference attended the ceremony.—Reuter.

U. S. PLANES BOMB KISKA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

A Navy Department Communique says Japanese positions at Kiska in the Aleutians were bombed yesterday. In the Solomons bombing attacks were made yesterday on Kolombangara and Munda.—

FIVE JAP PLANES SHOT DOWN

From an advanced Pacific base: An Allied convoy shot down five out of eight attacking Japanese torpedo-planes and escaped without receiving a single hit in a night attack south of Guadalcanar on February 17. The convoy was made up of transports and destroyers.

ARTIFICIALITY OF NAZI PRICE CONTROL

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Royal Dutch shares on the Amsterdam Bourse illustrate the artificiality of Nazi price control. Royal Dutch offer in 1937 to exchange four per cent dollar bonds for guilder bonds gave the holders a warrant entitling them to the shares at 500 guilders. These options expire at the end of March and although the German controlled price of Royal Dutch Shares has been 360 ever since the British started the attack in Egypt the Royal Dutch officers in Amsterdam have been inundated by holders who are anxious to exercise their option despite the apparent loss of 140 guilders because it is universally believed Royal Dutch in the free market would far exceed 500.

As the Nazis naturally dislike the Dutch to share in a boom based on prospects of their defeat, they at present, are prohibiting issuance of new shares at 500 despite protests from Amsterdam Bourse Committee.-

COUNTRY-WIDE DEMAND FOR MAHATMA'S RELEASE

(Continued from page 1)

attending the Leaders' conference, to-day, Mr. Humayan Kabir, M.L.C. said to a representative of the Associated Press that "the anxiety expressed for Mr. Gandhi's immediate and unconditional release has been overwhelming and unanimous and it is a matter of the deepest regret that the Government of India have not yet realised the consequences of refusing such a nation-wide demand. The sands of time are running out and we can only hope that wisdom will dawn on the Government before it is too late.

In the meantime, it would be an act of bare humanity to bring immediately to Poona, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Pandit Jawaharlal, Sardar Patel and other life-long friends of Mahatma Gandhi."

ORISSA WOMEN'S DEMAND

CUTTACK, Feb. 22.

Sreemati Sarala Devi, M.L.A., has cabled to the British Prime Minister "on behalf of the women of Orissa", urging the immediate release of the Mahatma.

CITY FATHERS PRAY

AMRITSAR:— Prayers for Mahatma Gandhi were offered at a meeting of the Amritsar Municipal Committee, all members standing. In response to the appeal of Master Tara Singh prayers were also offered in various Gurdwaras.

SHIRIN FOZDAR'S PLEA

AHMEDABAD:—Mrs. Shirin Fozdar. Bahai Evangelist, has sent a telegram to Mahatma Gandhi appealing to him to cease fasting.

CALCUTTA:— The Executive Committee of the All-Bengal Teachers' Association requested the Viceroy to reconsider his decision and release Gandhiji unconditionally at once.

PRAYER MEETING ABANDONED

GUJRANWALA, Feb. 23.

The District Magistrate has promulgated an order under Section 144 for one month prohibiting assemblage of more than five people except for purely religious purposes.

A meeting announced to be held this morning to offer prayers for Mahatma's life was abandoned. Hartal was observed to-day.—A. P.

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 23.

A large number of students of schools and colleges in the city absented from their classes to-day and held demonstrations in the streets. They shouted slogans demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi and Hindu-Muslim unity.

A group of processionists held a demonstration in front of the Assembly Buildings while the House was in session, later, they saw the Chief Minister, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, the leader of the Opposition, Sir Nazimuddin, and leaders of other parties in the House and urged them jointly to organise a public meeting, representative of all parties, to discuss the situation arising out of Mahatma Gandhi's fast as also the question of Hindu-Muslim unity. The leaders gave them an assurance that they would soon consider the matter.

Prayers for the long life of Mahatma Gandhi were offered in a number of educational institutions and in public meetings organised in different parts of the city today.

Shops in different parts of the city remained closed.

UNIVERSITY TEACHERS JOIN

A meeting of the staff and students of the University of Calcutta held to-day at the Asutosh Hall, urged the immediate and unconditional release of Gandhiji and implored the Standing Committee of the Leaders' Conference to devise ways and means for saving his life "in the interest of India and the world."

Leaders" Poser For Viceroy

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 23.

Under the caption, "Amazing Folly", the "Leader" in an editorial article says: "It has been said, our occupations, whatever their nature, cannot wear us out morally, qualities of justice and mercy continue to live under them like flowers under snow. If that is so, how is it that the Government of India has not released Gandhiji? True, the Government of India is not a national Government but the character of the constitution could not deprive Lord Linlithgow of the quality of mercy. The Viceroy alone can answer.

Br. Merchant Navy's Post-war Plans

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Dealing with the post-war re-establishment of the British Mercantile Marine, the annual report of the United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping says that the first step has been to arrange for the post-war transfer of Government built vessels to private ownership. The first allocation has now been practically completed covering deliveries to September 30, 1941, the deliveries of the remainder of that year being mainly allocated to the Allies. The second allocation covering the first six months of 1942 has now been declared.

Shipping losses, the report says, continued to present a grave problem, losses during the first six months of 1942 being heavy. Replacement of lost tonnage will be essential if Britain is to remain a first class maritime power and hold her own with greatly increased United States tonnage.—Reuter.

PROGRESSIVE WRITERS' ASSOCIATION: The Bombay Progressive Writers' Association passed a resolution demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi at a meeting held on Tuesday.

G.H.Q. CLERKS' WIRE TO VICEROY

Release Gandhiji To Promote War Effort

(THROUGH A. P. AND U. P.)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

Clerks of the General Headquarters have sent a telegram to H. E. the Viceroy demanding the unconditional and immediate release of Mahatma Gandhi.

They say: "Mahatmaji's unconditional and immediate release is requested to avoid a catastrophe and to promote war efforts."

The following have demanded immediate and unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi:— Lahore Students' Union; Lahore High Court Bar Association; Karachi Municipal Corporation; Students of Educational Institutions of Poona; Hyderabad (Deccan) organisations (including Arya-Pratinidhi Sabha), Andhra Conference and Chamber of Commerce of Hyderabad, (Deccan); Christian students of Calcutta Colleges, Calcutta citizens in a meeting held under auspices of United Hindu-Muslim Committee; Marwari Relief Society and Scottish Church Collegiate School of Calcutta; Brehmanbaria Bar Association of Calcutta; Brhampore Ganjam States of Calcutta; Howram District Committee of Communist Party of India; the Bengal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha; All-India Srimali Soni Mahamandal of Surat.

Subordinate staff of Government of India, New Delhi; Gujeratis of Delhi; Basanti Devi of Calcutta; Santiniketan; Berar Chamber of Commerce; Akola Journalists; Lyallpur labour and students' association; Dist. Bar Association, Lyallpur; Bengal Congress Parliamentary Party; Citizens of Rajkot; Nasik Students' Union; Principal and Staff of Forman Christian College, Lahore.

STILL MORE TELEGRAMS AND PRAYERS FOR RELEASE

Resolutions were passed, prayers were offered and telegrams were sent to the Viceroy by the following persons and associations for an unconditional and immediate release of Gandhiji:—

The Bombay National Kanada Education Society, Shri Krishna Hindu Merchants' Club and Shri Modara Hitechhu Mandal.

STUDENTS' DAY-LONG PRAYER

"The students of the National Medical College have decided to abstain from attending the College till the duration of Mahatma Gandhi's fast. Accordingly the students are not attending College lectures and clinics. They meet at 11-0 and pray for Gandhiji's life.

PERMIT WORKING COMMITTEE TO MEET MAHATMA

Telegram sent by Shantilal C. Shah to Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Delhi. "Request urge H. E. the Viceroy to permit Congress Working Committee to see Gandhiji without delay with a view to possibly saving catastrophe still."

AHMEDABAD: A police constable was assaulted by about 40 boys on the Richey Road yesterday. He was removed to hospital. Attempts to take out processions were foiled by the prompt action of the police who dispersed the processionists. 'Hartal' in the bazar and other places continues. Prayers are being offered in the temples and in all wards and suburbs of the City for the long life of Gandhiji.

Stones were thrown at some shops which reopened in Raipur to-day. One arrest was made in this connection.

AHMEDABAD SCHOOL BOARD SUSPENSION EXTENDED

The Government of Bombay has extended the period of supersession of the Municipal School Board of Ahmedabad for a further period of six months, up to October 7, 1943. The duties of the Board will continue to be carried out by Mr. Doulatram U. Shah, Mr. A. A. Kadri and Miss Dinabai D. Cama.

The Government of Bombay has extended the supersession of the District Local Board of Surat for six months, up to September 5, and has appointed a Committee to manage the Committee's affairs.

DUMKA: Kashi Prasad Singh and 14 others were sentenced to different terms of imprisonment ranging from 7 to 9 years in the Sarath Thana, Post Office and burning and looting cases.

Cases against 17 persons were withdrawn and eleven persons were acquitted.

MADRAS, Feb. 23: Three persons including two college students were arrested this morning for shouting slogans in front of the Secretariat Building at Chetpat.

Most of the students of the Madras colleges and schools abstained from classes yesterday and offered prayers for the recovery of Gandhiji.

PARTIAL HARTAL AT LAHORE

LAHORE: In sympathy with Gandhiji's sufferings almost all educational institutions of the city remained closed yesterday. In several institutions prayers were offered for Gandhiji's long life.

Partial 'hartal' was observed in the market.

LYALLPUR: The District Magistrate has promulgated an Order that under Section 144 Cr. P. C prohibiting meetings and processions for one month.

The District Magistrate of Sialkot has also promulgated a similar Order.

Visit To India, A Revelation

TURKISH MISSION CHIEF SAYS IF WEATHER IS INTERNAL PROBLEM HE WOULD KEEP MUM ON IT

Immediately after handing over a statement on the eve of their departure from Bombay and India, the Turkish Press Delegation at a Press Conference at the Taj, on Tuesday, faced a barrage of questions for over an hour and a half.

M. Atay, the leader of the Delegation, despite attempts to elicit the impressions of the Turkish journalists about the internal conditions and affairs in India, declined to make any statement. "If discussion of the weather," he said humorously, "involves internal questions, then I will not say, even if I am asked, that the weather, to-day, is hot in Bombay."

The leader of the Delegation made it clear in reply to questions that they were only too willing and ready during their stay in India to see all those who intended to see them and those who could see them. They did not want to cast any aspersion on any individual or party and they had come to this country to understand the general conditions obtaining here and that their knowledge after a short stay was certainly richer than before. They also said in reply to another question that they were pleased to meet Mr. Rajagopalachari.

PRESS IN TURKEY

Regarding Press in Turkey they said that there were newspapers at present in their country with a circulation of over 60,000 and which a few years ago commanded only a few thousand circulation. The journalists had their own professional associations; the workers in the Press, technical and others, enjoyed the same protection from State as the workers of other industries. But for those workers there were no Trade Union organisations. Reporters in newspapers in Ankara get a minimum of £100 or Rs. 250 and in Istanbul, they receive half of this.

NO EXPROPRIATION

In reply to further questions, the leader said that the peasant in Turkey had allotted to him certain portion of landed property. According to the programme they were undertaking, it was designed to give land to those few who did not possess land at present. This was being done in two ways. First, by recovering arable and so far uncultivated land and second, by the method of State purchase. There had never been any expropriation of land in Turkey. There was invariably compensation.

They expressed their thanks for those individuals who had rendered them help during the difficult days of revolution in Turkey.

On their way back, the delegates propose to visit Syria and Palestine. The Delegation will leave Bombay for Delhi on Wednesday (to-day).

SIX WEEKS IN INDIA.

Monsieur F. R. Atay, leader of the Turkish Press Mission, made the following statement at the Press Conference:

"Our journey round India which will have lasted six weeks draws to its close at Bombay. Our first duty is to thank the Government of India once again through your kind agency, for having by its invitation given us the opportunity to see this country, with its beauties of nature and its civilisation, for ourselves, and to meet its people.

Beginning with H. E. the Viceroy and Field Marshal Wavell, wherever we have been in British India, we have been received by Governors, by Military Commanders, by Municipalities, by the associations of our journalistic colleagues, and other official and private bodies and individuals.

In the Indian States, we were received at Hyderabad by H.E.H. the Nizam and the Prince of Berar. We enjoyed the hospitality of H.H. the Maharaja Scindia at Gwalior. At Mysore we were entertained by the State Ministers in the absence of H.H. the Maharaja, at Kapurthala by H.H. the Maharaja and the Maharajkumar, and at Benares we were the guests of H.H. the Maharaja of Benares.

HUMBLE JOURNALISTS

We do not forget that we are ourselves humble journalists belonging to a friendly country, and we recognise in the reception that we have had in this country, the expression of the friendship and interest towards Turkey and its people on the part of the Indian people, whom we have been so happy to meet and wish to know more closely in the future. In thanking through you all those who have received us and shown us hospitality, we extend not only our own thanks but the thanks of our countrymen.

The Press of India in all languages and of all shades of opinion have published either accounts of the activities of our Mission or articles on our country, our leader and our revolution, and we owe them a profound gratitude. We are specially indebted to those members of the Indian press whom we have had the pleasure of meeting personally.

If we leave without replying to certain questions which have been put to us by our journalist colleagues touching Indian internal affairs, we are sure that we shall be excused. As far as it has been possible, we have tried to make contact with all shades of opinion, and we have tried to inform ourselves of the problems of this country. In our capacity of free writers and journalists, we shall publish our impressions and our views in our own press on our return to Turkey.

During our journey we have never forgotten that we were guests studying conditions in a country which is not only at war, but also faced with many political problems.

A REVELATION.

It has been a revelation to us to see the general development and urbanization of India, its progress in public services, commerce and industry and above all in its cultural and educational institutions. Many of these have evoked our sincerest admiration. The enthusiasm of youth, with its love for civilization and science, and the profound interest of the young women of India in intellectual life, have left on us unforgettable impressions.

We have carried out our journey at a period in which this second World War has reached its maximum intensity. A Bombay journal has referred to the importance for India of Turkey having been able to keep the war beyond its own borders. It is clear that it is of the utmost importance that India has also been able to stop the war at her frontiers, not only from the point of view of the security and welfare of our two countries, but also of the Middle East which lies between.

One of our principal desires was to see and learn whether this beautiful country, which is the home of a great and gifted people, was able to ensure its own defence. From all that we have seen we are convinced that this is so. The military training centres which we have visited are like well-equipped factories for the production of Indian troops for the defence of this country, and for aid to the democracies. We know better than most the tragedies of this war, and what horrors and misfortunes confront a country which is unable to defend itself.

NO WAR WITHIN FRONTIERS.

On leaving India, we, the members of the Turkish Press Mission, take with us the firm conviction that India will not allow war to penetrate within its frontiers.

Great Britain, to whom we are allied, and India, by pooling their resources of men and material, have succeeded in raising a powerful army. India is now established as a citadel to stop the spread of war towards the Middle East.

We are sure that the Indian people will profit from the fruits of a peace which will establish an era of justice and right. The citizens of our new Turkey, which is the product of our fight for independence, only desire to see the further development of their relations with Great Britain and India in the interests of all.

Our stay in this prosperous city of Bombay with its rich past and its great future has crowned our journey, and we trust that our visit will be a step towards a close cultural and commercial association between our two countries in the future, which may prove to be to our mutual benefit.

DELEGATES SEE PLAY AND VISIT PRESS.

On Monday night the Delegates accompanied by the Turkish Consul in Bombay attended for a short while, the Hindustani play 'Dil-Ki-Pyas' staged by the Alfred Khatan Company at the Baliwala Theatre.

On Tuesday they visited the "Times of India" Press.

CHURCHILL HAD COMFORTABLE NIGHT

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Mr. Churchill had a comfortable night and his condition is about the same.—Reuter.

GOVT. OF INDIA TAKE OVER CALCUTTA 'PHONE SYSTEM

CALCUTTA, Feb. 23.

From the 1st April this year, the Telephone system in Calcutta will be taken over by the Government of India.

The Bengal Telephone Corporation in making this announcement, state that the Government of India have acquired the Corporation's undertaking, and the telephone service provided by the Corporation will be provided after that date by the Government of India.—A. P.

BOMBAY'S RED CROSS WEEK

Over 5 Lakhs Collected

The following has been issued by the Red Cross Week Organisation Committee:—

The Committee which has accepted responsibility for the organisation of Bombay's Red Cross Week, has arranged a delightful programme with such an interesting series of events as will crowd the eight days, from March 3rd to March 10th, during which the big drive for funds is to take place. The Week opens with a grand Cocktail Dance, Cabaret and Casino at Green's, at which the Governor and Lady Lumley will be present, and closes with an All-Day Flag Day and a Mammoth Ball at the Catholic Gymkhana; in between, all manner of money-making sporting fixtures have been arranged—among them a boxing match, a baseball match (a novelty for India), an exhibition tennis match between two world famous champions, and a special Red Cross Day at the races. Details of all this and other fixtures will appear later in the press, and it is hoped that they will be supported with even more than Bombay's usual eagerness and generosity. There is no cause in these times that makes such a poignant appeal both to the heart and the mind of all sensitive thinking people—irrespective of race, creed or political faith—as the cause of the sick, wounded and enemy-imprisoned soldiers to whose comfort and aid it is the privilege and duty of the Red Cross to minister, and for whose assistance The Week has been organised.

Meanwhile, in response to the moving appeal of the Chairman of the Week's Organising Committee, Sir Ness Wadia, generous donations continue to come in.

Amount previously acknowledged: Rs 3,06,001.

Total on Feb. 17 Rs. 5,88,119.

A. I. RED CROSS WEEK

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

It is officially announced All-India Red Cross week takes place from March 1st to 7th, the purpose being to raise funds for the war organisation of the Indian Red Cross and St. John Ambulance.

The estimated funds required for 1943 amount to 1-1/2 crores of Rupees.

The Committee for Delhi Red Cross week have organised an attractive programme of dances, tombola and benefit programmes at various clubs and hotels. The Delhi race meeting on Saturday 6th will be in aid of the Red Cross and there will be benefit performances at the leading cinemas on Sunday 7th.-

LADY LINLITHGOW TO BROADCAST

Her Excellency the Marchioness of Linlithgow will broadcast a talk from the Delhi Station of All-India Radio on the eve of the All-India Red Cross Week which will be opened on March 1. Her Excellency's talk will be broadcast on Sunday, February 28, at 8-30 p. m. and will be radioed from Delhi on 338.6 85.84, 49.93 and 31.3 metres, and relayed by all A. I. stations.

Muslim Women Demand Gandhiji's Release

"MOST PRECIOUS IN INDIAN PUBLIC LIFE TO-DAY"

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A resolution expressing deep concern at the fast of Mahatma Gandhi and his health and asking for his immediate and unconditional release was passed this evening at a meeting of Muslim women held at Blavatsky Lodge. Mrs. Lukmani presided.

Mrs. Asmat Latif who moved the resolution criticised the men who complained that Gandhiji had only created trouble and difficulties. He had shown the way and had undergone great ordeals and suffering for propagating the message of freedom and love. It was wrong, she said, if the Muslims complained that Gandhiji had harmed their interests. He was their friend, as much as he was the friend of everyone.

Mrs. Salim said that the death of the Mahatma would be a national loss. She could not imagine that anyone could be so degraded as not to feel the loss of Gandhiji as a personal loss. His aim in life was one—Service.

NEED FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mrs. Brelvi said that millions in India loved and reverenced Mahatma Gandhi. His value was not for India alone, but the whole world. She explained the urgency for his release, for he alone could bring about a solution of the many difficulties with which India was faced to-day.

Madam Sophia Wadia said: "We say to the Government 'It is excellent to have a giant's strength but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant."

VOICE OF SANITY AND LOVE

In a world torn by hatred war and chaos, the voice of the Mahatma was the voice of sanity and love. His life was the most precious thing in the public life of India to millions.

But today there was a widespread feeling of frustration, but hope could not be abandoned, for a kindly providence watched over human troubles and tribulations.

Dr. Mrs. Gilder spoke of the world-value of Gandhiji's ethics and said that he was a world-figure.

The speech of Madam Sophia Wadia was Translated into Urdu by Mrs. A.A. A. Fyzee.

Other speakers were, Mrs. A. S. R. Chari, Miss Laiq Ali, Mrs. Jabir Ali, Mrs. Khan, Mrs. Babibai Mulji, and Mrs. Lilavati Banker.

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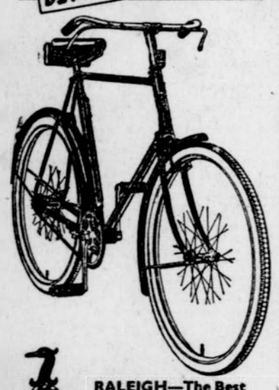

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DACOITIES, RAIDS AND FIRES IN MIRAJ STATE

MIRAJ February 23.

The 'chavadi' at Shiradwad, Ichhalkaranji Jahagir was raided by about 50 persons and set on fire. The records of the 'chavadi' were not damaged as they were already removed.

The 'chavadi' at Dharangutti was burnt down. The 'chavadis' at Pattihal and Karikatti were also burnt down.

The school building at Shirdhan was raided and set on fire.

Several persons entered the Kulkarni's residence at Belhaungal and robbed him of the records.—United Press.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Today is the day of the Turf Club Meeting. I would ask every Club Member who is in Bombay to attend it in person and to see for himself what he should do in the public's and the Club's interest. The "Sporting Times" has spoken of "a small disgruntled minority." Let us see who speaks for this small, disgruntled minority and what they have to say. In yesterday's "Sentinel", Mr. Horniman has reproduced two paragraphs from the statement of claim of a Steward in a case for libel against the Editor of the "Punter." This paragraph is the Steward's own interpretation of the allegation made against him. The case never reached a hearing. It was compromised. Mr. Horniman says and this is also the correct public feeling that a man "who is content to leave these charges unrefuted is unfit to be a Steward of the R.I.T.C.'" And this would apply to any Steward, because the Stewardship of the Turf Club is a position of great trust. Let's see what happens today.

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Unintelligent conversation, possibly in Delhi: U. S. War Correspondent: "Say, can you tell me what this Defence of India Act is all about?" Government of India's Publicity Officer: "Well, it's directed against those who try to hinder the war effort."

U. S. W. C.: "You mean fellows like this guy.....Tottenham or Tattenham or something."

G. of I.'s P. O.: "Are you crazy, Sir?"

U. S. W. C.: "You are the one that's crazy. That sort of stuff couldn't do much good to the war effort."

(U. S. War Correspondents, please also copy)

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New definition of "Justice":

"By justice is meant the peculiar combination of circumstances whereby the same man or body of men becomes or become accuser, jailor, prosecutor and judge, with jury and without trial."

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(U. S. War Correspondents, please also copy).

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MILD CANE CHARGE AT NADIAD

(THROUGH A. P. & U. P.)

SURAT:—Mr. Ghanshyam Dani has been arrested while pasting a "patrika" and Mr. Ratilal Jain has been arrested while reading a "patrika" at Kapadvanj, says a report received here. Messrs. Hasmukhlal Parikh, Chandrakant Shah and Bansilal have been arrested on a charge of leading a 'Prabhat Pheri' at Kapadwanj. A procession was taken out at Nadiad. It was dispersed by the police by a mild cane charge after it had proceeded a little distance.

A report received from Sanand says that Madha Bhaga and Nansing were arrested on a charge of setting fire to the 'chaura' at the village of Sarsa and burning the records of a school. The former has been released for want of evidence while the latter has been committed to the Sessions.

GRANARY LOOTED

HYDERABAD (Sind):—The granary of Mr. Narindas Dharamdas, President of the Hyderabad Municipality, at the village of Mulla Farash, was looted. Fifteen bags containing about 40 maunds of wheat were taken away.

SUKKUR ARRESTS

SUKKUR:—Fourteen boys and girls were arrested for staging demonstrations here. Out of them three were let off on account of their tender age and the rest sentenced to three months' R. I. each.

Mrs. Bhagwani Govindram was arrested for hoisting a Congress flag at Azad Maidan. She took her 18-months-old baby also with her to jail.

PORTRAITS OF SUBHAS SEIZED

NASIK:—Two portraits of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and five books were seized by the police while searching a place here. The police searched the residence of a college student also and seized a copy of an unauthorised Congress bulletin and a note book. The studen. was taken into custody.

RED SHIRTS ARRESTED

PESHAWAR:—After three days' interval, a batch of Red Shirts again appeared before the sessions courts with the intention of picketing. All of them were arrested.

GIRL STUDENT FINED

Miss Lila Pednekar a student was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 60 for possessing posters containing prejudicial report by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate of the Mazagaon Police Court to-day. She was awarded 2 weeks' S. I. in default of fine. Miss Lila was arrested at Napoo Road on Jan. 26 by the Kingsway Police.

NINETEEN WOMEN RELEASED

NEW DELHI: Three persons were arrested to-day under Sec. 129 D.I.R. Nineteen women politicals were released to-day from the Delhi District Jail.

Two persons who were arrested on February 19 for leading a procession were sentenced to undergo six months' R. I. each by a local Magistrate.

Death Of Lady Mulla

The "Chronicle" regrets to announce the death, which occurred on Monday night, of Lady Mulla, widow of the Right Hon. Sir Dinshaw Mulla, P.C., at the age of 62. She had been ailing for a long time. The funeral took place at her residence, 43, New Marine Lines, on Tuesday.

Flight-Lt. Lord Wharton, A.-D.-C. to the Governor of Bombay, was present at the funeral of Lady Mulla representing His Excellency.

FOR BREACH OF METAL CONTROL ORDER

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. K. M. Doriwala a partner of Messrs. Chandulal Jethalal who was charged with possessing and selling lead without permit under non-ferrous metal control order was found guilty and convicted by Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate Mazagaon Court, under D.I.R. to-day. The accused was awarded 3 weeks' R. I. on each count and in addition a fine of Rs. 500 in total or in default to suffer two weeks' R.I.

Reuters' And A. P.'s Lunch To Turkish Press Delegation

To meet the members of the Turkish Press Delegation, Mr. F. R. Jones, Deputy General Manager, Reuters' and Associated Press of India gave a luncheon at the Cricket Club of India on Tuesday.

Reception At Turkish Consulate-General

M. R. H. Karabuda, Consul-General for Turkey gave a reception at the Turkish Consulate-General, Marine Drive in honour of the Turkish Press Delegation on Tuesday evening. Princess Moazzam and Princess Nilofeur of Hyderabad, Sir John and Lady Beaumont, Consuls of various countries and a large number of prominent citizens were present.

Turkish Delegation And Corporation Address

Mr. L. G. Thatte, B.A.LL.B., Vice-President Girgaum District Hindu Sabha and Mr. G. B. Parmekar, member of the Working Committee, have issued the following statement:—

"We feel our duty to congratulate the Hindu corporators who absented themselves at the time of the address of welcome to the Turkish Delegation on behalf of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, and the volunteers of the Hindu Sabha and the Hindu Rashtra Dal who worked for this movement. It is necessary to point out here that out of the 72 Hindu members of the Corporation only three Hindus were present on this occasion. The population of Hindus in Bombay is three-fourths of the total population of this city. Moreover, the proposer of the resolution of address of welcome, was also among the opposers. These facts, therefore, show that the address of welcome was not of a representative character. It must justly be called an address on behalf of the non-Hindus in Bombay.

In not giving an explanation for Mr. Belge's statement at Madras the Turkish Delegation has gained little, as this attitude has strengthened in the Hindu mind the idea that the members of the Delegation were in support of Pakistan.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

JULY.

New York, Feb. 23.

Previous closing	19.65
To-day's opening	19.70
Difference	+.05

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, Feb. 23

Previous closing	4.03
To-day's opening	not received

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Feb. 23.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 sellers	4.03 1/2 buyers.	
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 sellers	4.03 1/2 buyers.	
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 sellers	4.03 1/2 buyers	

LONDON BULLION

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb. 23.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb. 23.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London, Feb. 23.

London on Bombay (1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-5 31/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers

New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.37

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent

4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent

6 months (1 3/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

LONDON COMMODITIES

SEEDS

London, Feb. 23.

Castorseeds Bombay February/March (£34 1/4) £34 1/4 quoted

Linseed Calcutta February/March (£24 3/4) £24 3/4 quoted

Linseed La Plata February/March unquoted

Groundnut Coromandal February/March East Coast Indian shipment (£32 1/2 quoted) £32 1/2 quoted West Coast Indian shipment (£33 1/2 quoted) £33 1/2 quoted

LONDON METALS

London, Feb. 23.

Electric Copper (£62) £62

Lead (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 23.

The London Stock Exchange was dull to-day.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

3 per cent Commonwealth £102

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 7/16
3 per cent Conversion Loan £105 5/8
3 per cent Conversion Loan £100 9/16
4 per cent War Loan £115 1/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 1/4
3 per cent War Loan £102 9/16
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 11/16

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 23-9
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 45-7 1/2
Electric Music Industry 20-9
Princhin Johnson 30-3
Imperial Chemical 38-0
Woolsworth Ordinary 58-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £77
Dunlop Rubber 34-6
Unilever Ordinary 34-9
Ford Motors 31-0
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £76
British American Tobacco Ordy £4 31/32
Carreas 'A' £6 3/16
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £7 1/2
P and O Defd 31-9
Distillers 85-0
Bredford Dyers 14-10 1/2
British Celanese 16-0
J and P Coates 42-0
Courtaulds Ordinary 48-3
Fine Cotton Spinners 15-10 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 19-9
Inter Nickels dol 51
Indian Iron 50-0

TEA SHARES

Assam 20-0
Donaro Tea 34-6
Rubber Plant 17-0

JUTE

Barnagore £7

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch 13-9
Gula Kelampong 10-0
Rubber Plant 17

MINE SHARES

Nandydrug £19 3/8
Burma Corporation 5-3
Rio Tintos £12
East Rand Properties £1 13/16
Rand Mines £5 3/4
Crown Mining £8
Associated Portland Cement 57-6
Trinidad Leasehold 73-1 1/2
Sub-Nigel £5 13/16
Spring Mines Split Shares £0 7/8
Union Corporation 143-9

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 31-10 1/2
Anglo-India 86-3
Burma Oil £2 29/32
Mexican Eagle 9-10 1/2
Shell Transport £3 7/32
Royal Dutch £24 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £57 3/4
London Midland Ordinary £29
London North Eastern Defd £3 5/8
London Southern Defd £21 1/4
London Transport 5 per cent £130
London Transport 'C' £54

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Feb. 23.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:
General Motors dol 47 1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 27 1/4
United States Steel Common dol 51 3/4
United States Steel Pref. unquoted.

DESHMUKH AND RESERVE BANK

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

With reference to the Reserve Bank of India Governor's powers and functions. (Ordinance issued yesterday), it is explained that the Ordinance does not seek to appoint Mr. C. D. Deshmukh as Acting Governor of the Reserve bank but permits him to exercise the powers and functions of Governor till a new Governor is appointed.—A. P.

P. E. N.'s Appeals For Gandhiji's Release

The ninth annual general meeting of the P. E. N. All-India Centre was held on February 22nd, under the presidency of Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri. The meeting as the first item on its agenda passed the following resolution, to be sent to H. E. the Governor of Bombay:—

"Resolved: That this ninth annual general meeting of the P. E. N. All-India Centre, which, as an organisation, is unconcerned with politics but profoundly concerned with humanitarian principles, most earnestly urges, in the name of humanity and our common culture, the immediate and unconditional release of Gandhiji, the Apostle of Non-Violence and a friend and lover of all humanity."

The meeting further authorised Sophia Wadia to send the following telegram to H. E. the Viceroy:—

"The ninth annual general meeting of the All-India Centre of the International Pen Club regards with profound concern the most grave consequences inevitable should Mahatma Gandhi die in detention. By releasing him at once unconditionally Your Excellency will earn for yourself the gratitude of countless millions. It will also be a magnanimous gesture which will avert the dire threatening consequences and go far to wipe out the serious and great resentment of the Indian public towards the British Government resentment which is rising every hour."

The Social Service League Bombay, urges Government for immediate and unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi, the League's honorary patron, in the highest interests of the country, Government and humanity.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Feb. 23.

The local cotton market will remain closed on the 23rd, 24th and 25th instant.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Feb. 23.

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London spot and forward silver quotations were 23 1/2d and New York Spot silver was quoted at 44 3/4 cents. The local market was quiet with scattered selling. Trading was restricted and quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	Rs. 66 12 0
Maha	66 8 0
Fagan	66 1 0
Sovereigns	48 6 0

SILVER

Ready	103 12 0
Maha	103 8 0
Fagan	102 6 0

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb 22

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb 22.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Feb. 22

T. T. London on:—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON WHEAT

London, Feb. 22.

Rozario Santa Fe Feb/March quoted 26/1 1/2
Wheat Australian Feb/March quoted 28

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 22.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£68 3/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£82 1/2
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 3/4
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£105 5/16
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£115 3/16
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£113 11/16
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£8 5/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	£70
National Bank of India	£33 1/2

Govt. To Buy Up Three Railways

"Orient Press" understands that Government of India will purchase M.S.M., B.N. and the S.I. Railways. The proposal is being actively examined by the Finance Member, and an announcement is expected to be made some time after the Finance Member's budget speech in the Assembly.

Germany Has 6,000,000 Foreign Workers

BERNE: According to the German paper Frankfurter Zeitung there are 6,000,000 foreign workers in Germany. This includes the prisoners of war. One in every four workers in Germany is a foreigner.—India Press Service.

Sales Of Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rs. Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 23rd February, 1943. Total amount offered was Rs. 14,91,50,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-11-9 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-11-6 allotted approximately 52 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 8,00,00,000, the average rate of accepted tenders being Rs. 11-11 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 2nd March, 1943, in Bombay up to 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and up to the close of business on Monday 1st March, 1943, at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 5th March 1943. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 13th February 1943, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 7,89,00,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Three months' intermediates will be sold from 24th February 1943 to 1st March 1943, at Rs. 99-12-0 subject to the conditions previously announced (viz. sales can be stopped at any time without previous notice if Government think it necessary).

Three months' Intermediates sold from 17th February 1943, to 22nd February 1943 amounted to Rs. 2,99,00,000.

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CALCUTTA, Feb. 23.

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'SCARCITY' IN HUNGUND TALUKA

The Government of Bombay has declared the existence of a state of scarcity in 138 villages of the Hungund taluka of Bijapur

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GANDHIJI'S FAST IS CONFESSION OF

POLITICAL WEAKNESS AND PERSONAL STRENGTH

Mahatma's Move Is Desperate And Dramatic Effort To Break Deadlock, Says "New York Nation"

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.

The American Magazine "Nation" says in an editorial that Mr. Gandhi's 21-day fast appears to be politically a confession of weakness and personally a token of strength.

"With the turn of the tide of the war and the checking of the Japanese advance, India has unquestionably lost a good measure of its bargaining power, 'vis-a-vis' the British.

Strikes and demonstrations undoubtedly had effect but at no time was there any serious possibility that the British would relax their grip. The stalemate gave every promise of enduring throughout the war.

Mr. Gandhi's latest move may be looked upon as a desperate and dramatic effort to break the deadlock.

His specific demand for unconditional release would appear to me more of pretext than a general hope since he can hardly expect to clear out a surrender on the part of the Viceroy."

The paper says that it believes it was a serious mistake for the British to arrest the Congress leaders in the first place.

It continues:—

'What then can Mr. Gandhi hope to gain from his current manoeuvre? A change perhaps to reopen negotiations to find a formula which will enable India to return at least to the status that prevailed at the abortive Cripps' mission.

The hope that the British will invite support for mediation may be found in the reports that Mr. Gandhi has been given freedom to receive Mr. Rajagopalachari who is believed to working towards this end".—Reuter.

Nine Million German Officers & Men Put Out Of Action

Red Army Is Transformed Into Army Of Vengeance, Says Stalin

MOSCOW, February 23.

M. Stalin in his order of the day said: "The Red Army is an army of defence. It has been created not to conquer other people's country but for the defence of the frontiers of the Soviet land.

But in June, 1941 Hitlerite Germany treacherously attacked our country. From that moment the Red Army became TRANSFORMED INTO AN ARMY OF AVENGERS.

The Red Army is entering upon the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of its existence, at a decisive moment of the patriotic war.

Due to the absence of a second front in Europe, the Red Army has been bearing alone the whole burden of the war.

In three months the Red Army has cleared of the enemy, the territory of Voronezh and Stalingrad, regions of Chechenoingush, Northern Osetinian Kabardabalkar, and Kalmuck Autonomous Republics, of Stavropol and Krasnodar and the areas of Cherkess, Karachayev, and Adygey autonomous areas and nearly the whole of Rostov, Kharkov and Kursk regions.

Mass expulsion of the enemy from the Soviet country has started.

The balance of forces on the Soviet-German front has undergone a change. Time is working against fascist Germany.

Hitler's Germany enjoyed until lately superiority over the Soviet union in technical equipment and most of all in tanks and aircraft.

But times has changed. The Soviet output of tanks, aircraft and guns has increased. The enemy has sustained tremendous losses especially in tanks, aircraft and guns.

In the three months of Soviet offensive in the winter of 1942 to 1943 alone, the Germans lost over 7,000 tanks, 4,000 planes and 17,000 guns.

The Red Army since the beginning of the war has put out of action about nine million German officers and men, of whom not less than four million were killed in action.

The Rumanian, Italian and Hungarian armies have been completely routed.

In the last three months alone the Red Army smashed 112 divisions, killed over 700,000 of the enemy and took 300,000 prisoners.

M. Stalin explained that "the German army came into the war with two years experience but since then the Red Army has become a regular army" getting rid of the stupid and harmful tactics of the line and firmly adopting tactics of manoeuvring.

The command of the Red Army has not only the aim of liberating the Soviet land from the enemy but also to allow the enemy out of our country alive", M. Stalin added.

In the name of liberation of our country from the hated enemy, I order: (1). To improve tirelessly military knowledge and to strengthen discipline, order an organisation.

(2). To strengthen blows upon enemy troops. To cut off enemy communication lines, to encircle enemy troops and annihilate them if they refuse to lay down their arms.

(3). To fan the flames of guerilla warfare on enemy's rear. Therein is the pledge of our victory".

M. Stalin ended his order of the day with greetings to the Red Army men, Red Navy men, guerillas and the Bolshevik Party.

The order was signed "J. Stalin, supreme Commander-in-Chief.'—Reuter.

Museum Of Epic Defence Of Stalingrad

MOSCOW, Feb. 22.

A "museum of the defence of Stalingrad", giving the whole history of the defence of the city both in 1918 and 1942 is to be opened in Stalingrad shortly.

CHINESE MISSION ARRIVES IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 22.

General Hsuing Shih Hui head of the Chinese Military Mission to Washington and members of the Mission staff have arrived in Britain on their way back from America to Chunking.

They are expected to reach London on Tuesday.—Reuter.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24.

Delhi—I Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s.)

5 p.m. Shri Ram Hari Marathe. 5-10 Gulab Bai. 5-20 For women. 5-45 Benazir Bai. 6-55 Ashima Banerji: 7 Kahan Ki Rah Nikli Hai Kahanse. 7-15 Ramanand Sharma. 7-25 Thumri on sarangi: 7-30 Ashima Banerji: 7-40 Sarangi recital: 7-45 For villagers only 8-30 The voice of America. 8-45 Air voice orchestra. 9-30 B B C news. 9-45 Shri Ram Hari Marathe. 10 Gulab Bai. 10-10 Ramanand Sharma. 10-20 Munshi Ahmad Husain 10-30 Baude Hasan. 10-45 Ghazalen aur geet.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Thumri Bhairavin. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 S. B. Mane (Of Miraj). 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Nagesh Masute. 9-20 Bhajans. 9-30 Soni Bai Malgaonkar. 9-45 G. G. Kharadkar. 12-30 p.m. Bhavgeets. 12-45 News in Marathi. 12-50 News in Gujarati. 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 A musical variety. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 4-20 School Broadcast. 5 Tomorrow. 5-5 G. G. Kharadkar. 5-20 Nagesh Masute. 5-30 Master Nisar. 5-45 Sonibai Mulgaonkar. 5-55 Local news and announcements. 6 Nana and Mani (Marathi). 6-30 News in English. 6-40 News in Hindustani. 6-45 Jang-ka-Rang. 6-50 S. B. Mane. 7 "Meri Taza Nazmen" 7-15 A Light selection 7-30 Nagesh Masute. 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Master - Nisar. 8-20 In the news. 8-25 Music. 8-30 The voice of America. 8-45 News review. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Sonibai Mulgaonkar. 10 East and west. 10-15 Master Nisar. 10-25 Radho Mundkur.

Bombay II—Programme

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Gujarati Garbas. 8-15 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Master Nisar. 9-5 Jaltarang Solo: 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s.)

12-30 to 2-30 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s.)

4-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial News. 7-45 Radha Mundkur. 8-5 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Nagesh Masute. 9-10 S. B. Mane. 9-30 Emmi Marcus. 9-45 Interlude. 10-5 Air orchestra.

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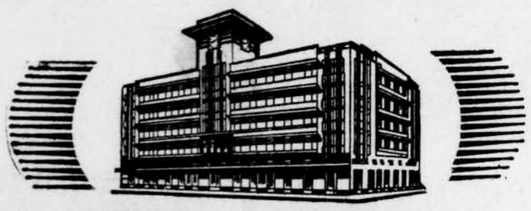

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Phillips' Statement Baffles Hull

Lloyd George Accuses Govt. Of Muddling

(From Our Own Correspondent).

LONDON, February 23.

At the "Manchester Guardian's" invitation to give his view of the situation created by the latest bulletin on Gandhiji's condition, Mr. Lloyd George said he was profoundly concerned about the news.

The thing had been so muddled, he said, that it was now difficult to find a way out.

To a delegation of the India League which conferred with the High Commissioner for nearly an hour at India House the High Commissioner assured the delegation that he would convey to the proper authorities in India the delegation's grave concern about Gandhiji's condition

The members of the delegation introduced by Dr. Ganguli included Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, Drs. P. C. Bhandari, Sakir Mahmoodi, C. L. Katial, Mrs. Handoo and a few students.

At the India League's meeting on February 21 Dr. Sakir Mahmoodi presided. On his suggestion telegrams have also been sent to Field Marshal Smuts, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the President of the Methodist Conference, the President of the Free Church Council.

Before the meeting a procession of Indians passed through various parts of the city. The processionists reached Lincoln Inn Fields where thousands gathered to denounce the vandals who a few days ago desecrated Lenin's memorial.

An emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Social Club cabled to Gandhiji: "Greatly distressed by condition We pray to God you may survive the ordeal and your life spared for further services of the mother country and the entire world.

Indian students of Oxford observed yesterday as day of prayer.

When Mr. Amery visited Oxford on Saturday the local Indian Students' Union telegraphed to him urging Gandhiji's unconditional release.

HULL BAFFLED

THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE MR. CORDELL HULL AND THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR LORD HALIFAX WHEN MR. HULL EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER MR. GANDHI'S SITUATION.

Mr. Hull stating this on Monday said he had not heard during the week-end from President Roosevelt's Personal Envoy to India Mr. William Phillips.

Mr. Hull added he did not know exactly what significance there was in the statement of Mr. Philipps that "discussions were being handled by high officials of the Governments of the United States and Britain."

Experts on India in United States Government are naturally keenly interested in Mr. Gandhi's fast, its implications and possible fatal denouement but the authoritative United States view can be crystallized only in the utterances of Mr. Hull or President Roosevelt

Unofficially considered, there are no grounds for any belief that the United States might intervene to obtain Mr Gandhi's release

In Britain

Mr. Harry Pollitt on behalf of the Communist Party of Great Britain has to-day sent the following to the Viceroy of India:

"Progressive opinion here is deeply concerned over the increasing gravity of the Indian crisis

We strongly urge the release of Mr. Gandhi and Congress leaders and to open negotiations to end the political impasse with a view to an united settlement in the interests of the United Nations

A similar telegram has been sent to the Secretary for India Mr. Amery

In a cable to the Indian Communist Party Mr. Pollitt expressed "warmest solidarity and support" for the India Communist Party's campaign for release of Mr Gandhi and the establishment of national unity and a National Government.

students of the Lucknow Christian College at a meeting held this morning

There was a partial strike in the Lucknow University today. Many students absented themselves in sympathy for Mahatma Gandhi

On behalf of the Allahabad University the following telegram has been sent to Mahatma Gandhi: "Staff and students earnesly pray your life may be saved for the good of mankind.-

Members of the Aligarh Bar was assembled at an extraordinary general meeting today to express general concern and anxiety about Gandhiji's grave condition and pray H.E Viceroy to release him unconditionally A copy of the resolution which was passed unanimously has also been sent to H.E Viceroy.-

MAHASABHA'S APPEAL TO MAHATMA

MADRAS, Feb. 23.

Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, Vice-President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha has sent the following telegram to Mahatma Gandhi: "On behalf of the Hindu Mahasabha in the South I earnestly pray you to break the fast, your life being a national asset."

The Madras Hindu Mahasabha has sent the following wire: "Pray break the fast. Your life is a national asset."—United Press.

PLEASE GIVE UP FAST

Benares, February 22.

The Benares Hindu Sabha has sent the following telegram to Mahatma Gandhi:—"Pray break fast your valuable life is country's property.

Maharaj Kumar Sir Vijaya of Vizianagram, M.L.A., President, Andhra Mahasabha, has issued the following statement:—

"I have just returned from Delhi and hasten to appeal to every brother and sister of Andhra whether in Andhradesh or outside to observe Wednesday as a day of silent and solemn prayer that Mahatmaji be spared by the Almighty and be given strength to pull through his fast with safety.

Regarding Andhra Mahasabha I have been in communication with Governor of Madras and when Mahatmaji's fast is over shall call for a meeting of the Working Committee and place the entire correspondence before them

It is not possible to hazard a date for this meeting owing to the present circumstances."

AT LUCKNOW UNIVERSITY

Prayers for the successful termination of Mahatma Gandhi's fast were offered by the staff and

"APNA GHAR" BANNED

PATNA, Feb. 22.

A "Gazette" Notifications state the film entitled "Apna Ghar" produced by the Circo Production as certified by the Bombay Board of Film Censors shall be deemed to be an uncertified film in the whole of the province of Bihar.—A. P.

Two Raiders Shot Dead

PESHAWAR, Feb. 22.

Two tribal raiders were killed and a third managed to escape when they attempted to kidnap five Muslims with two camels near the village of Indri in Bannu District.

It is reported that a batch of five travellers while walking along the road at night near Pezu were attacked by three tribal raiders and were forcibly led towards the tribal territory. On the way one of the travellers managed to snatch a rifle from the raiders with which two raiders were shot dead on the spot while the third fled away.—A. P.

Rangoon 'Drome Bombed

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

Yesterday Formations of R.A.F 'Blenheims,' escorted by fighters attacked enemy objectives at Akyab and Pauktawagyi, says an India Command Joint War Communique. Over other parts of Burma fighters carried out offensive patrol. Last night bombs were dropped on and near the runways of Mingaldon aerodrome at Rangoon.

All our aircraft returned safely. —A. P.

New Prime Minister For Kashmere

JAMMU TAWI, Feb. 23.

A 'communique' issued by command of H. H. the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir says:—

"Sir N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar will relinquish the office of Prime Minister with effect from 9th April next and Raja Sir Maharaj Singh will succeed him."—A. P.

Two U. S. Ships Torpedoed

Sequel To Enemy Action In N. Atlantic

NEW YORK Feb. 22.

Two United States passenger cargo ships have been sunk in north Atlantic with heavy loss of life, states the United States Navy Department "Communique."

The dead include Army, Marine and coast guard personnel. The ships were torpedoed and sunk in North Atlantic by Axis submarines within four days of each other early this month

Both attacks occurred at night. Both ships sinking within half an hour of being hit. Loss of life was heavy and comprised passengers and ship's crews in addition to service personnel.

Over 600 of the total of over 900 aboard the first vessel are known to be either dead or missing. Next of kin of all casualties have been notified.

An United States Navy Department spokesman stated, he was unable to say whether the vessels were travelling in convoy It seemed probably they were, since most shipping on the North Atlantic was now organised on convoy basis.

WILL SURVIVORS ARRIVE?

The spokesman added, it was not known in New York whether any survivors had yet reached port, but it was believed if they had not, they would be arriving within a day or so.

N. Ireland

MOVE AGAINST REPUBLICAN ARMY

BELFAST, Feb. 23.

The King's speech read by the Governor, Duke of Abercorn at the opening of the new session of Parliament here announced that the Northern Ireland Government is to introduce a bill to strengthen the civil authorities, the Special Powers Acts, under which persons suspected of Irish Republican Army activities are interned

The Governor said that during the past year grave outrages had been committed by those elements who were striving to undermine the constitution.—Reuter.

RUSSIA'S GIFT TO ALLIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.

The former United States Ambassador to Russia Mr. Joseph E. Davis, described the Russian resistance to Germany as "one of the decisive events of history", in a speech at a dinner celebrating the Red Army's Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

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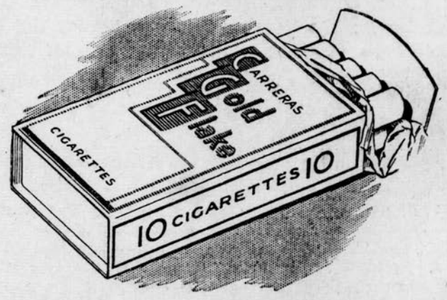

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